

# CHINA

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2018-2019



# WELCOME TO CHINA

Wendy Wu Tours loves China, and we love taking people to China!

We've spent many years tweaking and perfecting our diverse, extensive range of tours, to help you experience the authentic inspiring China we know and love. That's why we are the UK's leading China tour operator, why we've won so many prestigious awards and why we receive such fantastic reviews from those who've already travelled with us.

You see, it all comes from how well we know China, and we know it very well.

Sure, we include all of the big sights but we also know the places to take you to catch a glimpse of the real China. You'll also be immersed in the culture, with plenty of unique China experiences and fantastic National Escorts and local guides to show you the very best of their homeland.

Wendy and the team look forward to welcoming you to China soon!









#### A GUIDE TO WENDY WU TOURS

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Discover the world of Wendy Wu, what we do and why we do it so well.



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Fully inclusive, excellent value and packed with the iconic sights, your China holiday has everything taken care of!



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Dive headlong into authentic China with active and cultural tours designed to truly immerse you in your destination.



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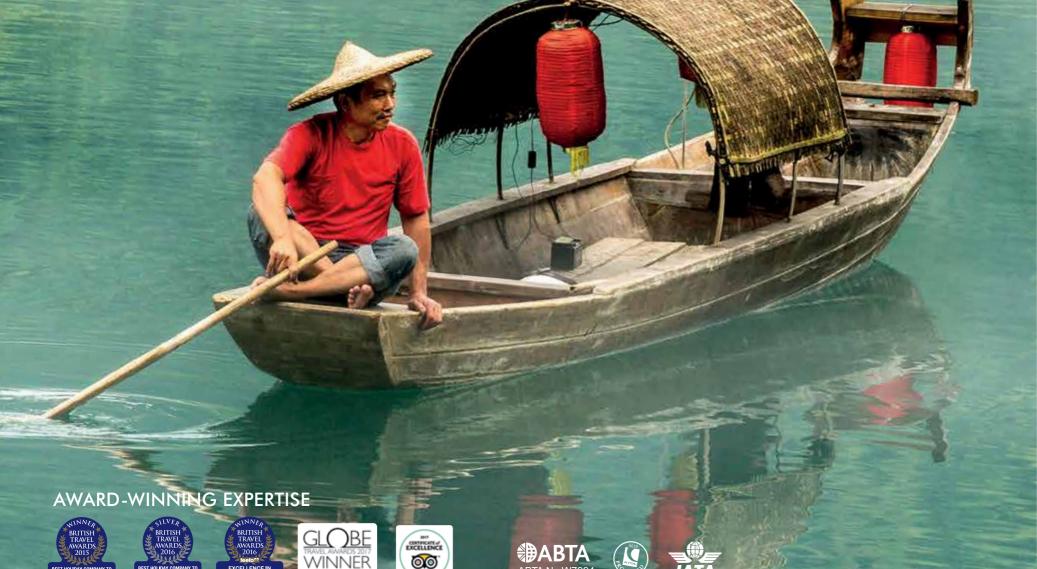
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# **DISCOVER CHINA WITH WENDY WU TOURS**

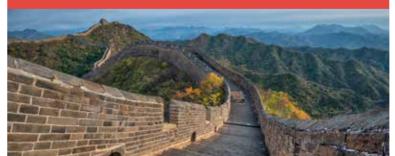
China is a colossal nation of unrivalled history, incredible sights and fascinating culture. We have the expertise to cover every inch of this fascinating land; here are some of our favourite destinations...



# WENDY'S TOP 10 CHINA SIGHTS:



Capital city, imperial treasure trove and home to the Forbidden City and Great Wall of China, Beijing is featured on the majority of our itineraries.





Xian is best known for those enigmatic Terracotta Warriors. It is also a city with an illustrious past, which is why it is included on most itineraries.





Once known as 'Paris of the East', Shanghai is China's great metropolis where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th century temples.



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## YANGTZE **RIVER**

China's vital waterway brings together a plethora of unmissable sights. A little boat symbol will indicate whether a tour includes a



**HONG KONG** 

Hong Kong is the very definition

of a cosmopolitan city. See it on

Cities of the Orient (page 32)

or add it on as an extension

(pages 106-107)





Cruise through the breathtaking

vibrant Yangshuo. This is featured

on a number of tours including

China Delights (page 36).

landscapes of the Li River to

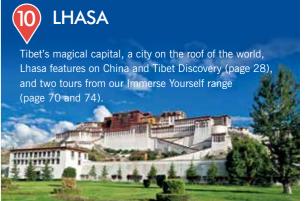


Located amongst Yunnan's most dramatic landscapes, you can explore Lijiang on our Yunnan and Sichuan, Classic China and China Encounters tours









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# THE WENDY WU TOURS DIFFERENCE

11 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD CHOOSE WENDY WU TOURS

# 1. NO ONE KNOWS **CHINA LIKE WE DO**

All of our staff have travelled extensively throughout China and can provide you with detailed information about our itineraries and touring styles, and will help personalise your holiday. We are proud to be known as the UK's specialist operator to Asia, and have been building our global reputation since 1998, one satisfied customer at a time.



#### 2. AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

Our extensive experience and local expertise means we can take you to places rarely visited and those you have always dreamed of exploring. We have been blazing trails into this ever-developing country for 20 years, and pride ourselves on delivering authentically Chinese experiences. On our tours you'll get a real local experience; witness social dance classes and games in leafy city parks, and meet families in the traditional hutongs. Travel to the countryside to learn about the way of life of minority farmers and villagers – there will be endless opportunities to meet local people and see a lifestyle so different to your own.

We continue to redefine travel to China, and are proud to offer the widest variety of tours to this amazing country.



## 3. INDUSTRY-LEADING NATIONAL ESCORTS

All our group tours are accompanied from beginning to end by a dedicated, knowledgeable National Escort and local guides with particular expertise in each location. Our experienced teams in Asia ensure that Wendy Wu Tours has a reliable presence on which you can always depend. We regularly receive letters that sing the praises of our team over in China, their knowledge, warmth, supportive nature, passion and gentle humour is something we are genuinely very proud of.



## 4. WE LOVE SOLO TRAVELLERS

Our group tours are a great opportunity to share your experiences with like-minded people. We welcome plenty of solo travellers on our tours, and receive great feedback from them about the friendly and sociable atmosphere of our groups. Even better, if you are a single traveller and are willing to share a room, you won't have to pay a single supplement on most of our tours.



#### 5. HAND-PICKED HOTELS

Over 20 years of taking people to China means we know exactly where to stay. We have superb relationships with our hotel partners in China, meaning our groups are always prioritised and well looked after. We inspect our hotels regularly to ensure that they reach our high standards of cleanliness, safety and comfort. We pick the right hotel

6. UNRIVALLED

**AIRLINE CHOICE** 

stopovers where you want and the

upgrades you require.

See pages 112-113

for the specific destination, meaning your accommodation can range from a smart business hotel in one city to a family run guesthouse in a smaller town. Wherever you are staying you will have a peaceful and comfortable night's sleep in preparation for the next day's adventures. See pages 114-115.



# 7. TRAVEL IN COMFORT

The transport selected as part of your tour is intended to combine convenience and comfort with an enjoyably authentic travel experience. You will benefit from our seatand-a-half policy on our coaches, allowing you to watch incredible scenery in comfort. Our Group Tours are predominantly conducted using air-conditioned coaches, internal flights, trains and various types of boat. See page 117.



We handle the tipping so you don't have to. We have a simple tipping system on our Group Tours where passengers contribute to a kitty, paid to the National Escort, who then distributes it. This avoids the need for you to consider individual tipping situations daily throughout your trip. We will suggest appropriate amounts for Private Tours and tailormade holidays too. See page 118.

#### 9. REGIONAL **FI AVOUR**

Meals included in our tours are planned to give you a genuine taste of the regions we visit. We make sure that the food on our tours is safe, fresh, features minimal spice and includes plenty of vegetables. Breakfast is a combination of local and western food, usually served buffet style at the hotel you are staying in. Lunches and dinners consist of traditional cuisine and are served at reputable local restaurants. Highlights may include a dumpling dinner in Xian, Peking duck in Beijing, and east meets-west fusions in Hong Kong.

## 10. VISAS

Wendy Wu Tours are the only China tour operator who include your visa and visa service as standard, and it's worth £200. We'll take you through the form-filling process step by step and there will be no queuing at the embassy. Just send us your passport and we'll do all the leg work.

## 11. OUR GREAT **VALUE FULLY INCLUSIVE TOURS**

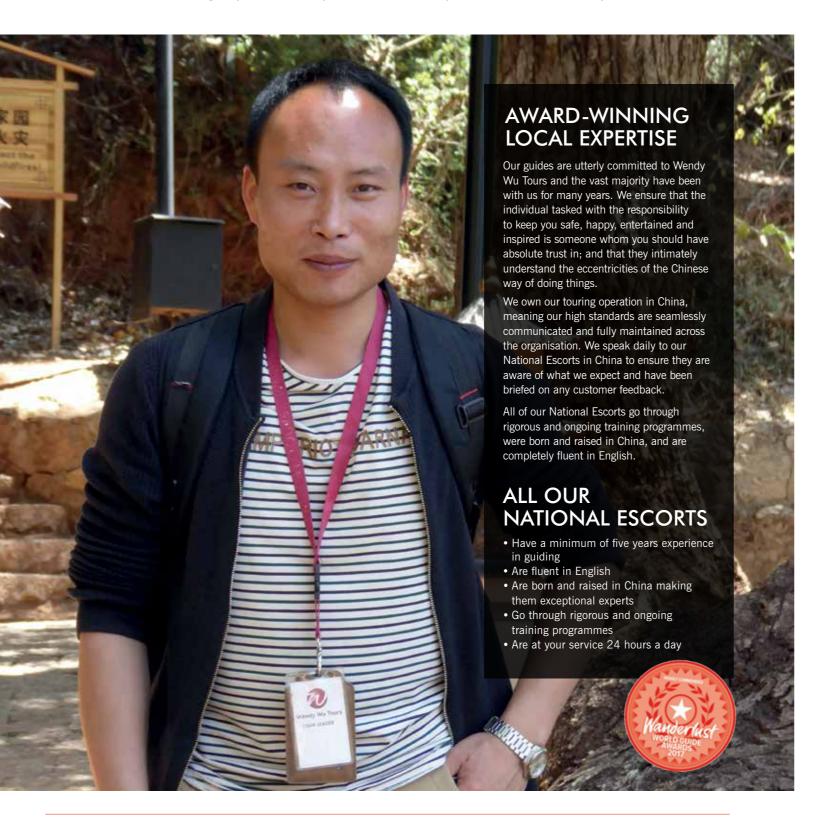
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- ✓ All accommodation
- ✓ All or most meals
- ✓ All transportation and transfers
- ✓ All sightseeing and entrance fees
- English speaking National Escort and Local Guides
- ✓ Visa fees for UK and EU passport holders
- ✓ Specialist advice from our experienced travel consultants
- ✓ Comprehensive tour dossiers and travel guides
- ✓ Safe and secure with ABTA. ATOL and IATA

The only things you may have to pay for are personal expenditure e.g. drinks, optional excursions or shows, insurance of any kind, tipping and early check-in or late check-out (this cannot be guaranteed). Meals on our Immerse Yourself range and Exclusive Collection are indicated on the tour pages.



# YOUR TOUR GUIDES

Your guide is often the difference between a good holiday and a truly remarkable holiday. On all of our group tours you will be escorted by a dedicated National Escort for the entire duration of your trip. Their unrivalled knowledge, passion, experience and expertise will astonish you.





"When I'm leading a tour, I try to be Super Girl, full of knowledge and full of good energy! I do my best to make everyone feel like family, and work to make the group feel comfortable, safe and well looked after. My tours always run smoothly, and give my travellers plenty of wonderful memories of my country. Once you've joined Annie's family, you're part of the

#### Mrs Wooden, **Exquisite China**

"Annie worked tirelessly to ensure the whole tour ran li clockwork, she always had a smile on her face and went totally above and beyond what was expected of her.



"I am the 'icing on the cake' of your tour to China – with me, nothing is impossible. My English is very good, I am easy-going and energetic and am enthusiastic but also patient - I do my utmost to fulfil my duties. If you travel on a tour with me, you will



#### Mrs Fulton, Magnificent China

"Sophie was excellent in every way. She took a personal interest in each individual in the group, always cheerful and positive, resourceful and flexible and helped to make our holiday truly memorable."





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"It is my honour to introduce my beautiful country to visitors from around the world using my enthusiasm and knowledge! You may be able to read all about China, but travelling there is how you experience it with your body



#### Mr Pullinger, In Pursuit of Pandas

"Such a well organised tour. Our guide, Ken, and the local guides were fantastic and were able to give a context to the places we visited and added in plenty of their own personal experience of living in China."



"Travelling expands your horizons and is a great way to meet many new friends, so book your tour to China with Wendy Wu Tours and come and unearth a whole new China with me. After all, everybody loves Raymond!'

#### Nigel, Glories of China

"Our tour guide Raymond was exceptional and worked very hard to ensure everything went smoothly and that any concerns a group member had were dealt with promptly, efficiently and to their satisfaction.



Raymond Lu

# TRAVELLERS' TALES

We love to hear your travel stories and holiday highlights – knowing that you love China just as much as we do drives us to achieve even higher standards!

#### HERE ARE SOME OF OUR FAVOURITES:



recommend Wendy Wu tours to others, the organisation for the Majestic Yangtze tour was without fault, excellent service.

Natalie, Majestic Yangtze, April 2017



97%

customer service rating (rated as good or excellent)

98%

tour experience rating

(rated as good or excellent)

Based on over 1,000 feefo customer reviews.

I booked A China Experience and wow, was it ever an experience! I cannot wait to return to China and to travel again with Wendy Wu Tours."

Jana, A China Experience, April 2017



This was an excellent trip. We had never been to China before and found it a wonderful introduction to a varied, delightful and vast country.

David, China Trailblazer, May 2016



fantastic holiday with Wendy Wu – this was our third tour with Wendy Wu and our second time to China so we were looking for something different. \*\*\*

Sarah, Sichuan Explorer, April 2017

First rate! Everything was fully explained before going on the most wondrous adventure.

Paul, Wonders of China, May 2017



fantastic – we went to all the places we had always wanted to visit. For me the magic of the Great Wall at sunset, the Terracotta Warriors and the pandas were the highlights. 77

Christine, China Explorer, May 2017 Easy to book, helpful staff, excellent mix of cities, sights and places of interest. Flights, coaches, river cruise were all well-organised.

Elaine, Cities of the Orient, May 2017



We could not have done this trip on our own, so we were pleased that we went with a reputable company who knows the country well.

Christine, Enchanting China, May 2017

time. The scenery was beautiful and the people in the group was very friendly and caring. "

Audrey, Dreams of Nature, June 2016



The Global Feedback Engine

We are keen to receive as much feedback as we can. We have partnered with independent online review site, feefo, to give you the chance to tell us what you think. You will receive an email from feefo after booking and once again after you have travelled so you can rate our service and tour experience.



# IS A CLASSIC TOUR FOR ME?

A thoughtfully-designed series of journeys for those who wish to see the iconic sights and magnificent treasures that China has to offer on a fully-inclusive, excellent-value group tour.

#### **OUR CLASSIC TOURS INCLUDE:**

- Comprehensive touring
- Knowledgeable local guides
- International flights & taxes
- All accommodation & meals
- Award-winning National Escorts
   All transportation on tour
  - Visa application & fees
  - Specialist advice from our travel consultants

on the website or contact us if you require any advice.

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# THE KEY TO **OUR TOURS** Our Classic tours are graded as comfortable or moderate to reflect the level of fitness required. Just look for the icons on the page. COMFORTABLE Accessible to most people with an average level of fitness and normal mobility. Tours may involve sightseeing on foot, some climbing of steps and getting on and off boats. MODERATE Tours require a higher level of fitness and may include standard activities and longer periods of sightseeing. Easy walking, high altitude and overnight train journeys may feature. **ALTITUDE** The mountain icon on the map will tell you the 3200m altitude reached on any given tour where applicable. Please see our tour dossiers

# **TRAVEL** WITH **LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE**

Our groups are friendly, sociable and share a passion for adventure what better way to meet fascinating new people and share your trip with a similar world view as you!



### TICK OFF THE BIG SIGHTS

You get to tick off all of China's big, awe-inspiring sights – whether that's the classic Great Wall, Terracotta Warriors, Giant Panda combination, or a tour that's more comprehensive.



## ALL MEALS ARE INCLUDED

All of your meals are included. Whilst breakfasts are a mixture of both local and western style, at lunch and dinner we'll help you go on a culinary adventure!



## **TRAVEL** WITH AN **EXPERT**

Our National Escorts are top of their field – there's no question too big or small and they'll show you all their favourite sights!



# WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO?

If you have limited time and want to tick off the main highlights, try A China Experience, Glories of China or In Pursuit of Pandas. Take it a step further and include a Yangtze Cruise with one of our best sellers such as Majestic Yangtze or Wonders of China. Or delve even deeper with our longer tours such as Classic China, Magnificent China or the Grand Tour of China.

This handy guide will help you with your decision.

CLASSIC TOURS	DAYS	PAGE	GREAT WALL	WARRIORS	PANDAS	YANGTZE	SHANGHAI	GUILIN	YUNNAN
In Pursuit of Pandas	9 days	16	•	•	•				
A China Experience	10 days	18	•	•			•		
Glories of China	14 days	20	•	•			•	•	
Majestic Yangtze	14 days	22	•	•	•	•	•		
China Splendour	14 days	24	•	•	•		•		
Yunnan & Sichuan	16 days	26			•				•
China & Tibet Discovery	16 days	28	•	•	•	•	•		
Wonders of China	16 days	30	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Cities of the Orient	16 days	32	•	•	•	•	•		
Ancient China	18 days	34	•	•			•		
China Delights	18 days	36	•	•	•		•	•	
Classic China	21 days	38	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Magnificent China	22 days	40	•	•	•	•	•	•	
China Encounters	23 days	42	•	•	•	•			•
Grand Tour of China	26 days	44	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Treasures of Vietnam and China	26 days	46	•	•	•		•	•	

# **IN PURSUIT OF PANDAS**

Discover the imperial treasures of Beijing and journey through atmospheric Xian with its enigmatic legions of Terracotta Warriors to reach the charming city of Chengdu, where you will meet its most famous residents the captivating Giant Pandas.

DAYS FROM



£1,990 FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK



COMFORTABLE

#### Price includes

All meals (7 breakfasts. 6 lunches & 7 dinners)

- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders worth £200
- International flights & current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides & entrance fees

#### Flight and supplement informatio

#### Based on London Heathrow departures

- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £1,390 (Beijing - Chengdu)
- Single room from £290
- Tipping paid locally RMB 320
- Christmas departure tipping paid locally RMB 350

#### **ENJOY AS A PRIVATE TOUR** Choose to design your own bespoke itinerary

Looking for a different date? Would you like something a little more personal or to rearrange the touring to suit your needs?

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#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

• Walk on the Great Wall

**ITINERARY** 

the local culture.

- Feast on Peking duck
- Explore the Summer Palace
- · Face the Terracotta Army • Travel on the bullet train
- Watch Giant Pandas play

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO BEIJING Fly overnight to Beijing, China's historical capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up

#### DAY 3: IMPERIAL BEIJING

Begin in Beijing's symbolic heart with a stroll across Tiananmen Square, flanked by imposing government buildings and the mausoleum of Chairman Mao. At the head of the square the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City is a monument to dynasties past. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, you will find a complex of a thousand rooms and many imperial treasures. Later soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape, where you can watch, or participate in a dance class. This evening sit down to a traditional dinner of Peking duck, after which there is an option to enjoy a Kung Fu show.

#### DAY 4: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Stretching thousands of miles from the Yellow Sea to the Gobi Desert, over all sorts of dramatic landscapes, it is one of the world's most impressive feats of engineering. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the wall itself and the magnificent scenery that it crosses. You will have an opportunity to visit the Jade Museum, where you will be able to buy a small handcrafted piece. Jade is revered throughout China; it is said to bring fortune and prosperity to those who wear it. Drive back to Beijing, then enjoy a relaxed afternoon in the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace as you wander through traditional landscapes and admire exquisite architecture. A Chinese acrobatic show rounds off the day.

## **DAY 5: XIAN CITY WALLS**

Fly to Xian. An illustrious and age-old city, Xian is one of the four great ancient capitals of China. It is also the capital of Shaanxi province, and the starting point of the fabled Silk Road with a history spanning 3,100 years. Take a leisurely stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town, before a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

#### **DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS**

After their fortuitous discovery by local farmers in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first Emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has



intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-like warriors who stand in their original formations at the exact location they were excavated. Visit the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate Terracotta Warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts. Watch the skilled production process and buy a souvenir warrior to take home. Take a bullet train to Chengdu.

#### DAY 7: DUJIANGYAN PANDA BASE

This morning visit one of the world's finest panda conservation centres where you'll gain a real insight into the hard work that goes into caring for and boosting the population of this endangered species. The pandas here are kept in conditions very close to their natural habitat. Later enjoy the atmosphere of Jinli Street - a lively street lined with antique shops and restaurants before sampling a delicious Sichuanese meal.

#### **DAY 8: GIANT PANDAS** A visit to Chengdu's famous

Panda Conservation Centre allows you to see and learn about China's celebrated bears. See them up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat as they chomp through piles of bamboo. A look around the informative museum gives an overview of the Reserve's breeding programme. Also, visit the Shu Brocade Embroidery Museum, then enjoy a hot beverage in a traditional teahouse before visiting Matchmaker's Corner where parents search for worthy suitors for their children.

#### DAY 9: FLY CHENGDU TO UK Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.



#### IN PURSUIT OF PANDAS **CHRISTMAS SPECIAL** 11 DAYS FROM £2,990PF

Enjoy a Christmas with a difference! Two days longer than the usual itinerary (with extra nights in Xian and Chengdu) there is plenty of time to relax and get into the festive spirit whilst walking the Great Wall on Christmas Day and enjoying a New Year's Eve panda experience. See our website for more details.

## STOPOVER IN.



#### **HONG KONG** 2 NIGHTS FROM £310PP

A sophisticated and lively destination, enjoy the sights and sounds of Hong Kong, where Chinese character underlies colonial charms and the gastronomy is varied and delicious. See pages 106-107. Additional flight costs may apply.

## DEPARTURES - Departing Sunday returning Monday

2018 DATES											
04 Feb - 12 Feb	£1,990	08 Apr - 16 Apr	£2,590	13 May - 21 May	£2,590	15 Jul - 23 Jul	£2,890	09 Sep - 17 Sep	£2,690	21 Oct - 29 Oct	£2,490
04 Mar - 12 Mar	£2,190	22 Apr - 30 Apr	£2,590	20 May - 28 May	£2,590	12 Aug - 20 Aug	£2,790	23 Sep - 01 Oct	£2,690	18 Nov - 26 Nov	£1,990
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<sup>\*</sup> Days of the week different from those stated. Christmas departure - 11 day itinerary

# A CHINA **EXPERIENCE**

The quintessential experience, this introductory tour offers a glimpse of China's glorious past, fascinating present and bright future with visits to the exceptional and contrasting cities of Xian, Beijing and Shanghai.

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#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Admire Shanghai's bright lights Walk on the Great Wall
- Find the past in Zhujiajiao
- Face the Terracotta Army
- Feast on Peking duck
- Explore the Summer Palace

#### **ITINERARY**

## DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SHANGHAI Fly overnight to the exuberant

city of Shanghai, called 'the Paris of the East'. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

#### **DAY 3: EXPLORE SHANGHAI**

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Today's explorations include the traditional Yu Garden, the Silk Museum and a stop in the old town. Admire the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund. This evening view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise. Dinner is traditional Shanghainese cuisine.

#### DAY 4: ZHUJIAJIAO WATER TOWN

Visit Zhuiiaiiao, one of Shanghai's sleepy water towns, built on an old canal system once used to transport goods all over imperial China. The town's narrow alleyways exude old-world charm, whilst the waterways are lined with ancient buildings and crossed by stone bridges. Return to Shanghai to enjoy the fine arts and antiquities of the Shanghai Museum, and explore People's Square.

#### DAY 5: LITTLE WILD GOOSE PAGODA

Fly to Xian, the ancient former capital. This afternoon take a visit to the fascinating Little Wild Goose Pagoda and spend time walking through the atmospheric alleys of the Muslim Quarter, which are lined with Islamic food stalls. DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

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your appetite for Beijing's best known delicacy - Peking duck.

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Discover the extraordinary landscapes of the Li River and Guilin as well as enjoying the highlights of China including the urban splendour of Shanghai, Beijing and Xian and the magnificent Great Wall and Terracotta Warriors.

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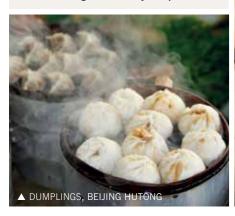
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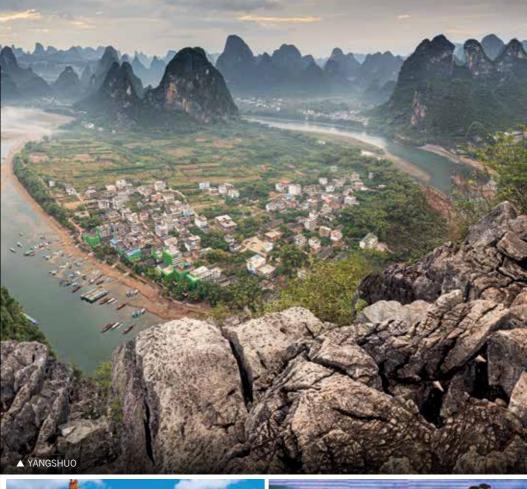
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#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

• Admire Shanghai's bright lights • Walk on the Great Wall

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SHANGHAI

Fly overnight to the exuberant

Paris of the East'. Depending on

your time of arrival, the rest of

the day is yours to start soaking

DAY 3: HUANGPU RIVER CRUISE

Visit the peaceful Yu Garden,

pass through the old town and

visit the Silk Museum. View the

city at night from the Huangpu

River on a panoramic cruise.

This evening, enjoy a meal of

**DAY 4: EXPLORE SHANGHAI** 

metropolis, where east and west

futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-

to Zhujiajiao, one of Shanghai's

sleepy water towns. Afterwards

magnificent architecture with a

Museum before admiring

stroll along the Bund.

Star Cave.

see the antiquities of the Shanghai

century temples. Start with a visit

Shanghai is China's great

collide on streets lined with

Shanghainese cuisine.

city of Shanghai, called 'the

**ITINERARY** 

up the local culture.

- Cruise the tranquil Li River Explore friendly Yangshuo
- Face the Terracotta Army
- Discover the Forbidden City

#### DAY 6: LI RIVER CRUISE

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to the charming town of Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of lush greenery, grazing buffalo and local fishermen. This evening there is an option to watch the spectacular Impression Liu Sanjie music and light show.

#### DAY 7: YANGSHUO

Yangshuo sits in an exquisite rural location, surrounded by landscapes of emerald-green paddy fields and dramatic limestone karsts. Spend the morning exploring the countryside before having an afternoon at leisure. There are many optional activities available including cycling, rafting and walking, though you may prefer to relax in

DAY 8: CORMORANT FISHERMEN

Travel back to Guilin by road. En

route, stop on the banks of the

#### Li River for a photo opportunity with a cormorant fisherman. Stroll

around Ronghu Lake and admire DAY 5: SEVEN STAR PARK the Sun and Moon pagodas – two Fly to the scenic city of Guilin. towering examples of traditional Visit Seven Star Park and stroll Chinese-Buddhist architecture. through the beautiful scenery. The South China Pearl Museum You can also explore the covers the fascinating 1,700-year spectacular formations of Seven old history of pearling in the South China Sea with displays and

demonstrations. There are also beautiful pieces available to buy.

#### DAY 9: TANG DYNASTY DANCING

Fly to the ancient city of Xian. Saunter around the beautiful Little Wild Goose Pagoda before feasting on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and watching a lively performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

#### DAY 10: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS After their fortuitous discovery in

the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first Emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors. Visit the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate Terracotta Warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts. Watch the skilled production process and buy a souvenir warrior to take home. Later, stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town.

#### DAY 11: BULLET TRAIN TO BEIJING Board the bullet train to Beijing,

the capital of China. Enjoy a fascinating rickshaw ride through the warren-like hutongs, and visit a local family to gain a deeper insight into Chinese culture and

#### DAY 12: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the sheer magnificence of the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that it crosses. Visit the Jade Museum, where you can understand the delicate

process of carving this stone. In the afternoon, enjoy the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace as you wander amongst traditional Chinese gardens and view the exquisite architecture. Round off the day with an evening watching a Chinese acrobatic show.

#### **DAY 13: FORBIDDEN CITY**

Soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape, where you can watch, or participate in a dance class. Head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square, and stroll into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, you will find a complex full of imperial riches. This evening, savour Beijing's best known delicacy - Peking duck.

#### DAY 14: FLY BEIJING TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.



#### **DUBAI** 2 NIGHTS FROM £230PP

Dubai is the ultimate urban destination full of futuristic architecture and cosmopolitan nightlife fronted by beautiful beaches. Dig a little deeper and you'll find a rich culture centred on the labvrinthine old city. See pages 110-111.

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2018 DATES										
24 Feb - 09 Mar	£2,490	07 Apr - 20 Apr	£2,990	23 Jun - 06 Jul	£2,990	08 Sep - 21 Sep	£3,090	13 Oct - 26 Oct	£2,990	
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24 Mar - 06 Apr	£2,990	05 May - 18 May	£2,990	11 Aug - 24 Aug	£3,190	22 Sep - 05 Oct	£3,090	17 Nov - 30 Nov	£2,490	
31 Mar - 13 Apr	£2,990	19 May - 01 Jun	£2,990	01 Sep - 14 Sep	£3,090	06 Oct - 19 Oct	£3,090			
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# **MAJESTIC** YANGTZE

Marvel at the natural grandeur of the Three Gorges on a relaxing Yangtze River Cruise – just one part of a wonderful tour that also includes China's enthralling cities of Shanghai, Xian, Beijing, and of course the unforgettable Giant Pandas of Chengdu.

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Accommodation

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#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- · Admire Shanghai's bright lights · Face the Terracotta Army
- Four nights on the Yangtze Walk on the Great Wall
- Watch Giant Pandas play

#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SHANGHAI

Fly overnight to the bustling city of Shanghai, called 'the Paris of the East'. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

#### **DAY 3: EXPLORE SHANGHAI**

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Today's explorations include the classical Yu Garden, a stop in the old town, and the fine arts and antiquities of the Shanghai Museum. Follow the age-old silk production process at the Silk Museum, from the cultivation of silkworms up to creating the final piece. Later admire the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund and view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise. The skyscrapers and glimmering lights are a sight to behold, Shanghai is unlike any other city in the world. Tonight you will sample some traditional Shanghainese cuisine.

#### • Discover ancient Cigikou

Take the morning to see the sights of the ultramodern Pudong area of the city with its sci-fi skyscrapers. Later fly to Wuhan and continue by coach to Yichang where you will board the Yangtze River Cruise vessel.

DAY 4: MODERN PUDONG

#### DAYS 5-7: YANGTZE **RIVER CRUISE**

A man-made marvel, the Three Gorges Dam showcases a massive feat of engineering. But as you cruise upstream nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery including the Three Gorges themselves. Over the next three days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another. Take a side trip to the attractive Goddess or Shennong Stream and enjoy shore excursions to the Fengdu Relocation Village or Shibaozhai.

#### DAY 8: HISTORICAL CIQIKOU

Disembarking the cruise vessel in Chongqing, explore old Ciqikou, a district known for its porcelain production during the Ming and Qing dynasties. Ciqikou's narrow streets are perfect for a morning stroll to admire the historical, traditional

architecture. Transfer to Chengdu and enjoy a delicious Sichuanese meal for dinner with the option of a performance of Sichuan Opera, famous for its 'face-changing'.

#### **DAY 9: PANDAS**

A visit to Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre allows you to see and learn about China's celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. A look around the informative museum gives an overview of the reserve's breeding programme. Visit the Shu Brocade and Embroidery Museum, then take a bullet train to the former imperial capital of Xian. This evening a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing awaits.

#### DAY 10: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta

Army of China's first Emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors. Visit the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate Terracotta Warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts. Watch the skilled production process and buy a souvenir warrior to take home. Later stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town, then join the optional tour to see Xian lit up at night.

#### DAY 11: LITTLE WILD **GOOSE PAGODA**

visit to the lovely Little Wild Goose Pagoda. Take time to walk through the atmospheric alleys of the Muslim Quarter which are lined with Islamic food stalls. Later, fly to Beijing, China's capital city.

A fascinating morning includes a

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DAY 14: FLY BEIJING TO UK Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.

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#### HONG KONG 2 NIGHTS FROM £310PF

A sophisticated and lively destination, enjoy the sights and sounds of Hong Kong, where Chinese character underlies colonial charms and the gastronomy is varied and delicious. See pages 106-107. Additional flight costs may apply.

#### DEPARTURES - Departing Monday returning Sunday

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2018 DATES													
08 Mar - 21 Mar*	£2,990	09 Apr - 22 Apr	£3,290	07 May - 20 May	£3,290	04 Jun - 17 Jun	£3,290	20 Aug - 02 Sep	£3,390	12 Sep - 25 Sep*	£3,390	15 Oct - 28 Oct	£3,290
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# CHINA **SPLENDOUR**

Combine the wonders of the superb cities of Beijing, stylish Shanghai and ancient Xian, with the beauty of the Nine Villages Valley, a magnificent and delightful undiscovered example of China's resplendent nature.

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Accommodation

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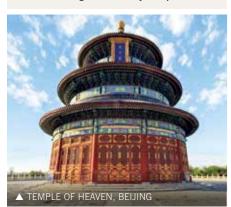
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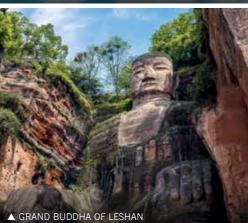
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#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Explore Nine Villages Valley Admire the Leshan Buddha
- Admire the Huanglong Pools Walk on the Great Wall
- Watch Giant Pandas play
- Face the Terracotta Army

# **ITINERARY**

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#### DAY 4: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN

Fly to Beijing, China's fascinating capital. Soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. This evening savour Beijing's best known delicacy -Peking duck.

#### DAY 5: IMPERIAL BEIJING

This morning, head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square, and into the sprawling

magnificence of the Forbidden City - a monument to China's dynastic past. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, you will find a complex full of imperial riches. An evening of Chinese acrobatics rounds off the day.

#### DAY 6: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight - the Great Wall. An astounding feat of construction, there is no better way to appreciate both the sheer magnificence of the wall and the dramatic scenery that it crosses than a fascinating walk along it. Visit the Jade Museum, then relax in the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace as you explore traditional Chinese landscapes and view exquisite architecture. This evening, you may wish to join an optional Kung Fu show.

#### DAY 7: ANCIENT XIAN

Fly to Xian, the historic former capital and take a stroll on the beautifully preserved 14thcentury city wall. Tonight, feast on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings before a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing. **DAY 8: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS** 

#### After their fortuitous discovery

in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first Emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-like warriors. Visit the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate Terracotta Warriors

in the style of their ancient counterparts. Watch the skilled production process and choose to purchase your own little warrior to take home. Visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda, and soak up the atmosphere in the narrow alleyways of the Muslim Quarter.

#### DAYS 9-10: NINE **VILLAGES VALLEY** Fly to Nine Villages Valley. A

national park of ragged peaks, sapphire lakes, abundant forests and rushing waterfalls, the Nine Villages Valley (Jiuzhaigou National Park) is considered one of China's most heautiful areas. Named after the nine Tibetan settlements scattered throughout the valley, the park is a World Biosphere Reserve, full of endemic flora and 140 species of birds. After two days of explorations are done there is an option to see a Tibetan cultural show.

#### **DAY 11: HUANGLONG POOLS** Travel to Huanglong Valley,

where hundreds of vivid pools in striking colours formed by thousands of years of mineral deposits, trickle gently down through the bright green forests. The whole area is full to the brim with beautiful sights and, as it is relatively undiscovered. is a pleasure to explore. There is an option to take the chair lift up towards Huanglong Temple at the head of the valley for excellent views over the whole valley. Later, fly to Chengdu.

#### DAY 12: PANDAS

Visit Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre where you can get up close to China's celebrated bears, as they chomp through piles of bamboo, in

surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Continue to the People's Park, a hive of activity where locals dance and practice Tai Chi and most interesting of all, spend time in Matchmaker's Corner. Browse the Shu Brocade Museum and dine on delicious Sichuanese cuisine this evening. Later, there is an optional performance of Sichuan Opera.

#### DAY 13: LESHAN GRAND BUDDHA

Travel to Leshan to visit the Grand Buddha which, at 71 metres, is the world's largest stone-carved Buddhist monument and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. View the Buddha up close from the adjoining park, then a short boat trip on the river will give even better views of the statue.

#### DAY 14: FLY CHENGDU TO UK Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.



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# YUNNAN & SICHUAN

As two of the most fascinating, diverse and colourful provinces in China, Yunnan and Sichuan are a cornucopia of wonders, from the lofty peaks of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain to the colourful calcite pools of Huanglong, to the lovable nature of the Giant Panda.

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- Domestic transportation Accommodation
- Touring with guides & entrance fees

#### Flight and supplement inform

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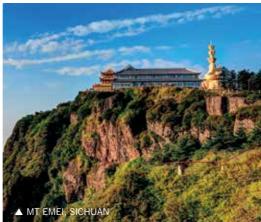
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#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Glimpse the past in Lijiang
- Find peace at Mt Emei
- Explore Nine Villages Valley • Discover Tiger Leaping Gorge • Admire Huanglong Pools
  - Watch Giant Pandas play

#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO KUNMING Fly to the relaxed city of

Kunming. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

#### **DAY 3: STONE FOREST**

This morning, meander through the formations of the UNESCOlisted Stone Forest, where towering limestone pillars stand treelike in a fascinating illusion of woodland. Return to Kunming where you can sample the local delicacy, Across the Bridge Noodles, for dinner. Tonight, there is also the option to see a colourful showcase of Yunnan's performing arts.

#### DAY 4: DISCOVER DALI

Travel to Dali, a charming town that offers a peek at the China of times-gone-by. Begin your tour by exploring the fascinating old quarter and lively market to soak up the local atmosphere. Next, visit the age-old Three Pagodas and later this evening, take a stroll down Foreigners' Street.

#### DAY 5: ERHAI CRUISE

Spend the morning cruising the mirror-like waters of Erhai Lake and admire the spectacular scenery provided by the Cang Mountains. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure, with the option of riding up the cable car into the Cang Mountains, an area noted for its diverse flora and fauna.

#### DAY 6: TRAVEL TO LIJIANG

This morning, explore Xizhou Village and browse its lively local market. Drive to Lijiang, set in the foothills of the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. Visit the Black Dragon Pool, where there are wonderful views of the mountains, before mingling with traditionally dressed Naxi women in the bustling markets.

#### DAY 7: JADE DRAGON SNOW MOUNTAIN

A magnificent mountain, the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain comprises several peaks, the tallest of which soars 5.500 metres. Taking a cable car. explore one of the beautiful high meadows and enjoy the amazing vistas. On the way back to Lijiang, admire the fascinating Ming Dynasty frescoes at Baisha and visit the Mu Family Embroidery School.

#### **DAY 8: TIGER LEAPING GORGE** Over 3,000 metres deep,

Tiger Leaping Gorge, with its backdrop of snow-capped mountains, is one of China's most extraordinary sights. The whole area is spectacular prepare for breathtaking views. Return to Lijiang and explore the old quarter – the quintessential Chinese 'old town', wander the jumble of cobbled streets, traditional wooden buildings and rustic stone bridges.

#### DAY 9: TRAVEL TO CHENGDU Fly to Chengdu, the capital of

Sichuan Province and home of the Giant Panda. Visit the People's Park and witness locals enjoying a hive of activity such as dancing and Tai Chi. You'll also spend time at Matchmaker's Corner, where parents are searching for suitors for their children. Later, visit a traditional teahouse. This evening, there is the option to be amazed by a dramatic Sichuan Opera, featuring the famous 'face-changing'.

#### DAY 10: LESHAN **GRAND BUDDHA**

Travel to Leshan to visit the Grand Buddha. The 71-metre Buddha is carved into a hillside overlooking the confluence of the Dadu and Min rivers. Completed in the year 803, it is said that the Buddha's presence has calmed the turbulent waters of the river. A short boat trip will give you an even better perspective. Continue to Mt Emei.

#### DAY 11: MOUNT EMEI

Mt Emei is the cradle of the

Buddhism in China with the first temple built here on its peak in the 1st century. Pilgrims and tourists mix amongst the lush vegetation and inconspicuous old temples, all admiring the striking and diverse natural beauty of the mountain and its setting. Spend the day soaking up the ambience and exploring. If the weather is right, the summit offers extraordinary views over the river below.

#### **DAY 12: NINE VILLAGES VALLEY** Transfer to Chengdu for your flight to Nine Villages Valley (Jiuzhaigou National Park).

#### **DAY 13: EXPLORE NINE VILLAGES VALLEY**

A national park of ragged peaks, sapphire lakes, abundant forests and rushing waterfalls, Nine Villages Valley is considered one of China's most beautiful areas. Named after the nine Tibetan settlements scattered through the valley, the park is a World Biosphere Reserve, full of endemic flora and 140 species of birds. Spend the day exploring, with an option to enjoy a Tibetan cultural show in the evening.

#### **DAY 14: HUANGLONG POOLS**

Travel to Huanglong Valley, where hundreds of vivid pools in striking colours, formed by thousands of years of mineral deposit, tumble gently down through the bright green forests. The whole area is full of spectacular sights and, as it is relatively undiscovered, is a pleasure to explore. Visit Huanglong Temple before your flight to Chengdu.

#### DAY 15: PANDAS

A visit to Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre allows you to see and learn about China's celebrated icons. See them up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat as they chomp through piles of bamboo. A look around the informative museum gives an overview of the reserve's breeding programme. This evening dine on mouthwatering Sichuanese cuisine.

#### DAY 16: FLY CHENGDU TO UK

Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.

#### DEPARTURES – Departing Saturday returning Sunday

2018 DATES								
07 Apr - 22 Apr	£3,590	05 May - 20 May	£3,590	01 Sep - 16 Sep	£3,790	06 Oct - 21 Oct	£3,790	
2019 DATES								
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# CHINA & TIBET DISCOVERY

Journey to the roof of the world to uncover the mysteries of Tibet in the incredible city of Lhasa whilst enjoying the very best cultural, historical and natural treasures that China has to offer – from the Great Wall and Terracotta Army to the Yangtze River.

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MODERATE

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- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees Tibet permit conditions are subject to change

#### Flight and supplement information

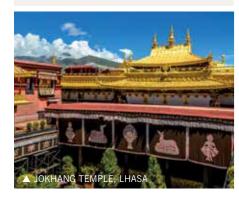
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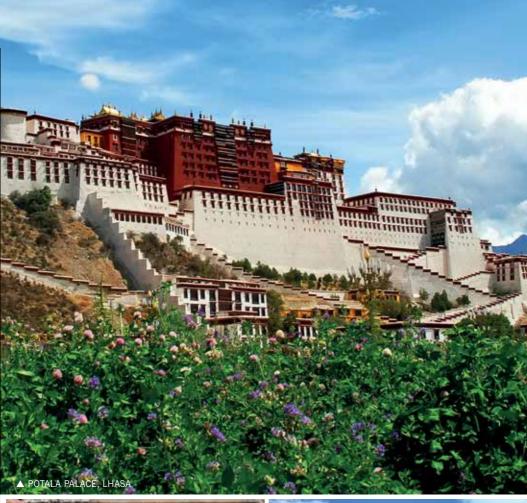
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Explore the Potala Palace

• Watch Giant Pandas play

• Three nights on the Yangtze

traditional Shui Jiao dumplings

**DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS** 

After their fortuitous discovery in

the 1970s, the Terracotta Army

of China's first Emperor, Qin Shi

Huang, has intrigued visitors

ever since. Spend the morning

viewing the enigmatic ranks of

life-sized warriors and visit the

workshop where the warriors are

intricately recreated. Stroll along

the beautifully preserved 14th-

century city walls that enclose

Fly to the city of Lhasa, the heart

and soul of Tibet. This afternoon

is at leisure to help acclimatise to

**DAY 8: JOKHANG TEMPLE AND** 

Lhasa is a modern, fast-growing

DAY 7: MYSTICAL LHASA

THE BARKHOR CIRCUIT

city, but among the narrow,

old, atmospheric streets vou'll

modern world. Wander around

feel a million miles from the

the Barkhor Circuit to see

traditionally dressed locals,

stalls of religious trinkets and

prostrating pilgrims. Inside the

centre of Tibetan Buddhism, the

people worship in the flickering

There will also be a visit to Sera

light of yak butter candles.

Monastery, a renowned seat

of Buddhist learning.

devotion is palpable as queues of

Jokhang Temple, the sacred

Xian's old town

the altitude

before a performance of Tang

Dynasty dancing.

**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS** 

Wander the Barkhor Circuit

• Walk on the Great Wall

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO BEIJING

Fly overnight to Beijing, China's

historical capital. Depending on

day is yours to start soaking up

DAY 3: IMPERIAL BEIJING

and stroll into the sprawling

magnificence of the Forbidden

City. Entering through the Gate of

Supreme Harmony, you will find

a complex full of imperial riches.

ambience of the Temple of Heaven,

an orderly oasis in a bustling urban

landscape, where you can watch,

Sit down to a traditional dinner of

Peking duck. A Chinese acrobatic

or participate in a dance class.

show rounds off the day.

DAY 4: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to

China's most iconic sight – the

Great Wall. Taking a walk on this

to appreciate both the wall itself

and the dramatic scenery that it

crosses. Visit the Jade Museum

the idyllic landscapes of the

then spend the afternoon enjoying

Summer Palace, wandering through

DAY 5: TANG DYNASTY DANCING

traditional Chinese gardens and

seeing the exquisite architecture.

Fly to Xian, the ancient former

and enjoy a delicious feast of

capital. Visit the Muslim Quarter

incredible structure is the best way

Later soak up the harmonious

This morning, head to Beijing's

symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square,

your time of arrival, the rest of the

**ITINERARY** 

the local culture.

• Face the Terracotta Army

# ▲ THREE GORGES DAM, YANGTZE RIVER DAY 9: POTALA PALACE

The Potala Palace is an architectural wonder towering over the city from its seat on Marpo Ri (Red Mountain). The Potala, the former winter palace of the Dalai Lama houses thousands of rooms filled with old treasures from intricate shrines to beautiful frescoes. This afternoon, explore Norbulingka, the former summer residence of the Dalai Lama, set in parkland just outside the city. We'll then visit a local Tibetan arts and crafts shop. Enjoy a traditional Tibetan dinner and dance

#### performance in the evening.

DAY 10: JINLI STREET
Fly to Chengdu, the capital of
Sichuan province, where, after
a tour of Jinli Street, there will
be a delicious Sichuanese meal
to savour.

#### DAY 11: PANDAS

A visit to Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre allows you to see and learn about China's celebrated icons up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Visit the Shu Brocade and Embroidery Museum for a close up view of the skills necessary to create these beautiful, traditional items. There will also be an opportunity to buy a unique, handmade piece. Travel to Chongqing to board your Yangtze River cruise.

# DAYS 12-13: YANGTZE

Over the next two days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another as you marvel at the spectacular scenery of the Three Gorges. Take a side trip to the attractive Goddess Stream or Shennong Stream and enjoy

shore excursions to Fengdu Relocation Village or Shibaozhai.

#### DAY 14: THREE GORGES DAM

A man-made marvel, touring the Three Gorges Dam showcases this massive feat of engineering. Disembark your cruise in Yichang, transfer to Wuhan and fly to Shanghai.

#### DAY 15: DISCOVER SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Today's explorations include the traditional Yu Garden, the Silk Museum and a stop in the old town. Admire the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the historical, waterfront Bund. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise followed by a delicious Shanghainese meal.

#### DAY 16: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK Fly to the UK, arriving home the

same or following day.



# HONG KONG & MACAU 4 NIGHTS FROM £690PP

Combine the lively and sophisticated city of Hong Kong with glittering Macau, a former Portuguese colony, where Mediterranean influences and Las Vegas-esque glitz collide.

See page 108-109.

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# DEPARTURES – Departing Friday returning Saturday

2018 DATES										
20 Apr - 05 May	£3,990	11 May - 26 May	£3,990	31 Aug - 15 Sep	£4,090	14 Sep - 29 Sep	£4,090	12 Oct - 27 Oct	£4,090	
04 May - 19 May	£3,990	25 May - 09 Jun	£3,990	07 Sep - 22 Sep	£4,090	05 Oct - 20 Oct	£4,090			
2019 DATES										
12 Apr - 27 Apr	£4,190	10 May - 25 May	£4,190	30 Aug - 14 Sep	£4,290	13 Sep - 28 Sep	£4,290	11 Oct - 26 Oct	£4,290	
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# **WONDERS** OF CHINA

China is a land of many wonders - both ancient and modern, natural and man-made. This hugely popular tour is a comprehensive journey through China's most iconic sights from the magnificent Great Wall to the mighty Yangtze River.

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**INCLUDES 4 NIGHT** YANGTZE CRUISE

COMFORTABLE

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- Domestic transportation

Accommodation

• Touring with guides & entrance fees

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#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Walk on the Great Wall
- Watch Giant Pandas play
- Face the Terracotta Army
- · Admire Shanghai's bright lights

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO BEIJING Fly overnight to Beijing, China's historical capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

#### DAY 3: IMPERIAL BEIJING

**ITINERARY** 

This morning, head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square, and stroll into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, you will find a complex full of imperial riches. Enjoy a rickshaw ride through Beijing's warren-like hutongs, and visit a local family to gain a deeper insight into Chinese culture and local customs. Later, soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape, where you can watch, or participate in a dance class. This evening, sit down to a traditional dinner of Peking duck.

#### DAY 4: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight - the

- · Cruise on the Li River
- Four nights on the Yangtze

Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that it crosses. You will then have an opportunity to visit the Jade Museum, where you will be able to buy a small handcrafted piece. Jade is revered throughout China, it is said to bring fortune and prosperity to those who wear it. Enjoy the afternoon in the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace as you see the traditional Chinese landscapes and exquisite architecture. This evening, enjoy an optional Kung Fu show.

#### DAY 5: TANG DYNASTY DANCING

Fly to Xian and explore the Muslim Quarter. Enjoy a dumpling feast and Tang Dynasty dancing show.

#### DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first Emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors. After lunch, stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city

walls that enclose Xian's old town.

#### DAY 7: BOARD YOUR CRUISE

Fly to Wuhan and transfer to Yichang to board your Yangtze River Cruise vessel.

#### DAYS 8-10: YANGTZE **RIVER CRUISE**

A man-made marvel, the Three Gorges Dam showcases this massive feat of engineering. But cruising upstream nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery including the Three Gorges themselves. Over the next three days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another. Take a side trip to the attractive Goddess or Shennong Stream and enjoy shore excursions to the Fengdu Relocation Village or Shibaozhai.

#### DAY 11: GUILIN

After disembarking from the cruise vessel, visit the Panda House at Chongging Zoo, a great opportunity to get close to these magnificent and unique creatures. Continue your journey to beautiful Guilin.

Li River to the charming town of Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of lush greenery, grazing buffalo and local fishermen.

rural location, surrounded by landscapes of emerald-green paddy fields and dramatic limestone karsts. Spend the morning exploring the countryside before returning to Guilin by road. Explore the impressive Reed Flute Cave and visit the South China Pearl Museum before stopping for a photo opportunity on the banks of the Li River to meet a cormorant fisherman.

#### DAY 14: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Fly to the exuberant city of Shanghai. Spend the afternoon admiring the fine arts and antiquities of the Shanghai Museum and strolling around People's Square. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise.

#### **DAY 15: DISCOVER SHANGHAI**

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Today's explorations include the charming Yu Garden, the Silk Museum and a stop in the old town. Admire the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund. This evening enjoy some tasty, traditional Shanghainese cuisine.

#### DAY 12: LI RIVER CRUISE

Take a relaxed cruise along the

#### DAY 13: YANGSHUO

Yangshuo sits in an exquisite

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DAY 16: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the

#### ADD A TOUCH OF LUXURY

Try Legends of China from our Exclusive Collection range on page 90.



#### DUBAI 2 NIGHTS FROM £230PF

Dubai is the ultimate urban destination full of futuristic architecture and cosmopolitan nightlife fronted by beautiful beaches. Dig a little deeper and you'll find a rich culture centred on the labvrinthine old city.

See pages 110-111. Additional flight costs may apply.

## DEPARTURES - Departing Sunday returning Monday

2018 DATES													
05 Mar - 20 Mar*	£3,190	13 Apr - 28 Apr*	£3,590	11 May - 26 May*	£3,590	24 Jun - 09 Jul	£3,590	31 Aug - 15 Sep*	£3,690	21 Sep - 06 Oct*	£3,690	28 Oct - 12 Nov	£3,390
12 Mar - 27 Mar*	£3,290	15 Apr - 30 Apr	£3,590	13 May - 28 May	£3,590	08 Jul - 23 Jul	£3,790	02 Sep - 17 Sep	£3,690	23 Sep - 08 Oct	£3,690	04 Nov - 19 Nov	£3,290
18 Mar - 02 Apr	£3,490	20 Apr - 05 May*	£3,590	18 May - 02 Jun*	£3,590	22 Jul - 06 Aug	£3,890	07 Sep - 22 Sep*	£3,690	07 Oct - 22 Oct	£3,690	11 Nov - 26 Nov	£3,190
25 Mar - 09 Apr	£3,590	22 Apr - 07 May	£3,590	20 May - 04 Jun	£3,590	05 Aug - 20 Aug	£3,890	09 Sep - 24 Sep	£3,690	12 Oct - 27 Oct*	£3,690		
01 Apr - 16 Apr	£3,590	04 May - 19 May*	£3,590	27 May - 11 Jun	£3,590	19 Aug - 03 Sep	£3,690	14 Sep - 29 Sep*	£3,690	14 Oct - 29 Oct	£3,690		
08 Apr - 23 Apr	£3,590	06 May - 21 May	£3,590	10 Jun - 25 Jun	£3,590	26 Aug - 10 Sep	£3,690	16 Sep - 01 Oct	£3,690	21 Oct - 05 Nov	£3,590		
2019 DATES													
04 Mar - 19 Mar*	£3,290	12 Apr - 27 Apr*	£3,790	10 May - 25 May*	£3,790	23 Jun - 08 Jul	£3,790	30 Aug - 14 Sep*	£3,890	20 Sep - 05 Oct*	£3,890	27 Oct - 11 Nov	£3,590
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COMFORTABLE



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- Domestic transportation

Accommodation

• Touring with guides & entrance fees

#### Flight and supplement information

#### Based on London Heathrow departures

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#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Admire Shanghai's bright lights Three nights on the Yangtze
- Walk on the Great Wall
- · Face the Terracotta Army
- Feel Hong Kong's vibrancy
  - Watch Giant Pandas play

#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO BEIJING

Fly overnight to Beijing, China's historical capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

#### DAY 3: IMPERIAL BEIJING

This morning, head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square, and stroll into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, you will find a complex full of imperial riches. Explore Beijing's old hutongs by rickshaw and visit the home of a local family. Eat traditional Peking duck for dinner and enjoy a Chinese acrobatic show.

#### DAY 4: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight - the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that it crosses. Visit the Jade Museum then spend the afternoon in the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace as you wander through traditional Chinese landscapes and see the exquisite architecture.

#### DAY 5: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN

Soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape, and wander in the

park to watch or participate in a dance class. Transfer to the airport and fly to the ancient city of Xian. This evening, enjoy a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings before a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

#### **DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS**

After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first Emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors and visit the workshop where the warriors are intricately recreated. Later, stroll along the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town.

#### DAY 7: BULLET TRAIN TO CHENGDU

Enjoy a relaxed morning with time to walk through the atmospheric alleys of the Muslim Quarter, which are lined with food stalls. Later. take a bullet train to Chengdu, home of the Giant Panda. **DAY 8: GIANT PANDAS** 

A visit to Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre allows you to see and learn about China's celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Visit the Shu Brocade Museum and take a stroll through People's Park to see Matchmaker's Corner, where parents search for suitors for their children. Also, enjoy the lively atmosphere of the Wide and Narrow Allevs.

#### DAY 9: OLD CIQIKOU

Drive from Chengdu to Chongqing and spend some time wandering the picturesque old alleyways of Cigikou, Later, board your Yangtze cruise vessel and set sail.

#### DAYS 10-12: YANGTZE **RIVER CRUISE**

Cruise down the Yangtze through

some of China's most dramatic scenery. Over the next three days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another. Take a side trip to the attractive Goddess or Shennong Stream and enjoy shore excursions to the Ghost City of Fengdu or Shibaozhai. A man-made marvel, you will also see the Three Gorges Dam which showcases a simply massive feat of engineering. Disembark and travel to Wuhan for your flight to Shanghai.

#### DAY 13: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Visit Yu Garden and the old town before admiring the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund. Learn about the age-old silk production process at the Silk Museum and take an optional trip on the super-fast Maglev train. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise and enjoy a delicious meal of traditional Shanghainese cuisine.

#### DAY 14: FLY TO HONG KONG

Fly from Shanghai to Hong Kong and embark on a Hong Kong Island tour, which includes Stanley Market and Aberdeen Harbour, where you take to the water on a traditional iunk boat.

#### **DAY 15: LANTAU ISLAND** Take a ferry through Victoria

Harbour to spend the day on the lovely island of Lantau. Explore Hong Kong's natural beauty at Cheung Sha Beach, Tai O fishing village and the Giant Buddha. A ride in the Ngong Ping 360° cable-car gives panoramic views over the island's coastline. Enjoy a farewell dinner atop Victoria Peak.

#### DAY 16: FLY TO THE UK

Today is at leisure until your flight home. Depending on your time of departure, there is an option to tour the New Territories, paying visits to Yuen Yuen Institute, Tai Mo Shan lookout, Fanling Walled Village, Luk Kong Road lookout, Bride's Pool Falls and Sam Mun Tsai fish farming zone. Transfer to the airport for your flight to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.

# STOPOVER IN

#### MACAU 2 NIGHTS FROM £390PP

Discover the former Portuguese colony of Macau, a glittering combination of Mediterranean and Asian influences, where conservative colonial heritage rubs shoulders with brash, Las Vegas-esque casinos. See pages 108-109.

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#### DEPARTURES - Departing Tuesday returning Wednesday

2018 DATES											
10 Apr - 25 Apr	£3,790	08 May - 23 May	£3,690	22 May - 06 Jun	£3,690	28 Aug - 12 Sep	£3,790	11 Sep - 26 Sep	£3,790	09 Oct - 24 Oct	£3,790
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# **ANCIENT** CHINA

With thousands of years of fascinatingly diverse history, China is one of the world's oldest and most monumental civilisations. Encounter millenniaold culture and religion with visits to some of China's greatest and most intriguing ancient sights.

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#### Flight and supplement inform

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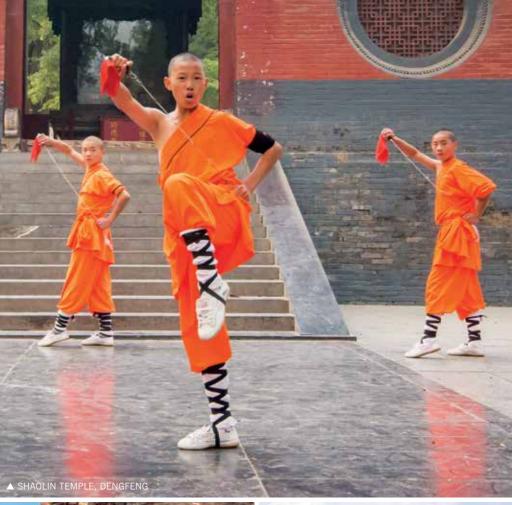
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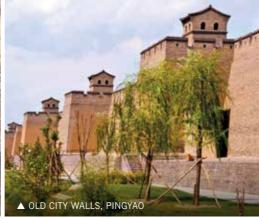
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#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Walk on the Great Wall
- Marvel at the Hanging Temple Witness Shaolin Kung Fu
- Feel at peace on Wutaishan Stroll Pingyao's ancient streets

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO BEIJING Arrive in Beijing, China's fascinating capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

#### DAY 3: IMPERIAL BEIJING

**ITINERARY** 

This morning, head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square, and stroll into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City where you will find a complex full of imperial treasures. Take a rickshaw ride through the charming hutongs and visit a local family to learn more about living in this traditional area. In the evening, sit down to enjoy the local delicacy, Peking duck.

#### DAY 4: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight - the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate its sheer magnificence. You will have an opportunity to visit the Jade Museum, where you will be able to buy a small handcrafted piece. Jade is revered throughout China, it is said to bring fortune and prosperity to those who wear it. Spend the afternoon at the idyllic Summer Palace, wandering through traditional Chinese gardens and seeing the exquisite architecture.

#### DAY 5: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN

Face the Terracotta Army

Soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. Browse your way through Panjiayuan, Beijing's most extensive arts, crafts and antiques market. Tonight, enjoy a performance of the Beijing Opera.

#### DAY 6: HISTORICAL DATONG

Travel by train to Datong, watching the rural splendour of China pass by your window. Arrive in time for a local dinner in this fascinating city. DAY 7: THE HANGING TEMPLE

#### Today, you will explore some of China's UNESCO Heritage sites

of religious significance. Grottoes carved from sandstone cliffs in the 5th and 6th centuries, Yungang Caves are replete with intricate Buddhist imagery. The 1,400-year-old, gravity-defying Hanging Temple seemingly floats 50 metres up the face of Jinxia Gorge. Travel on to Wutaishan. **DAY 8: WUTAISHAN** 

One of China's four sacred Buddhist mountains, Wutaishan (Five Terraced Mountain) is a place of scenic magnificence. In Wutaishan's shadow, an alpine valley shelters many important monasteries, temples and sculptures, some dating back over 1,000 years. Continue to Taiyuan and visit the Twin Pagoda Temple, constructed during the Ming Dynasty.

#### DAY 9: TAIYUAN AND PINGYAO

Enjoy the beauty and tranquillity of Jinci Temple before travelling to the old town of Pingyao.

#### DAY 10: PINGYAO

The characterful old town of Pingyao is considered the best ancient walled town in the country. Stroll along the cobbled streets to view the old city walls and the Rishengchang Financial House Museum. There will also be time to see the Yamen, a former government building from the Qing Dynasty before taking the bullet train to the former imperial capital of Xian.

#### DAY 11: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first Emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of these lifesize warriors. Visit the Xian Art Ceramics and Lacquer Exhibition, then take a stroll on the ancient city walls. This evening, enjoy a delicious feast of Shui Jiao dumplings and a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing. There is also an optional tour of Xian by night.

#### DAY 12: DISCOVER XIAN

Admire the relics at the Xian Museum before visiting the Little Wild Goose Pagoda and watching a calligraphy demonstration. There will also be time to explore the atmospheric alleys of the Muslim Quarter.

#### DAY 13: LUOYANG

Board a bullet train from Xian to Luoyang, a city that was the capital for more than 13 dynasties. This afternoon, visit the Longmen Grottoes which house tens of thousands of age-old statues and sculptures depicting Buddha and his disciples carved from the limestone cliffs of Xiangshan and Longmenshan.

# DAY 14: SHAOLIN TEMPLE

Travel to Dengfeng and visit the famous Shaolin Temple, best known for its association with martial arts, and walk through the Pagoda Forest, a collection of 228 pagodas of various styles

built from the Tang through to the Qing dynasties. Later, witness a Kung Fu demonstration by the famous Shaolin Monks. Continue to Zhengzhou.

#### **DAY 15: YELLOW RIVER**

Learn about the river basin called 'the birthplace of Chinese civilisation' at Zhengzhou's Yellow River Museum before heading to a lookout for panoramic views over the river itself. Fly to Shanghai.

#### DAY 16: COSMOPOLITAN SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, east and west colliding on streets lined with skyscrapers and old temples. Visit the classical Yu Garden and stop at the old town before admiring the colonial architecture on the Bund. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a scenic cruise before taking your seats for a fascinating Chinese acrobatic show.

#### DAY 17: SHANGHAI RIVER CRUISE

Wander through the Xintiandi area to admire the 1920s architectural style, view the artefacts at the Shanghai Museum and explore the Silk Museum. Taste delicious, traditional Shanghainese cuisine for dinner.

#### DAY 18: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.



#### DUBAI 2 NIGHTS FROM £230PF

Dubai is the ultimate urban destination full of futuristic architecture and cosmopolitan nightlife fronted by beautiful beaches. Dig a little deeper and you'll find a rich culture centred on the labyrinthine old city. See pages 110-111.

Additional flight costs may apply.

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# CHINA **DELIGHTS**

Experience the Feng Shui of Suzhou's classical gardens before exploring the lakes, temples and tea plantations of Hangzhou on a tour that also encompasses China's myriad delights - Great Wall, Warriors, Pandas and exuberant Shanghai.

18 DAYS FROM

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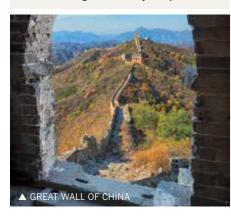
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#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Cruise Hangzhou's West Lake
   Watch Giant Pandas play
- · Cruise on the Li River
- Discover old gardens in Suzhou Face the Terracotta Army
  - Walk on the Great Wall

## **ITINERARY**

#### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SHANGHAI

Fly overnight to the exuberant city of Shanghai, called 'the Paris of the East'. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

#### DAYS 3-4: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Visit the classical Yu Garden and stop in the old town before admiring the colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund. Round off the day with a delicious meal of traditional Shanghainese cuisine. The next day explore ultramodern Pudong, the Silk Museum and see the arts and antiquities of the Shanghai Museum. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise.

#### DAY 5: HISTORIC SUZHOU Suzhou's centre has managed

to retain a sense of quaint charm even as the city has grown up around it. Renowned for its traditional gardens, visit one of its finest, the Humble Administrator's Garden, typical of the Chinese appreciation of balance and harmony. Also cruise on the thousand-year-old Grand Canal.

#### DAY 6: WUZHEN

Travel to the water town of Wuzhen. A charming place of old-world timber buildings, cobbled streets and narrow waterways, it is an easy place to while away the day. Continue to the city of Hangzhou.

#### DAY 7: HISTORIC HANGZHOU

A restful morning is spent wandering around the Temple of Inspired Seclusion, one of China's most renowned Buddhist temples. Visit the Residence of Hu Xueyan before cruising on Hangzhou's West Lake and admiring the gardens, pagodas and old bridges on its shores. DAY 8: LUSH TEA

# **PLANTATIONS**

Browse the bustling local markets and visit the plantations of Meijiawu to learn the teamaking process, from bush to brew. Enjoy a cup of organic green tea and decide which of the locally produced teas you might like to purchase. Fly to the beautiful city of Guilin

#### DAY 9: LI RIVER CRUISE

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to the charming town of Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of lush greenery and grazing buffalo. Wander through the Yangshuo markets and stop

on the banks of the Li River for a photo opportunity with a cormorant fisherman.

#### DAY 10: YANGSHUO

Yangshuo sits in an exquisite rural location, surrounded by landscapes of paddy fields and limestone karsts. Spend the morning exploring the countryside before returning

#### DAY 11: CHENGDU

Visit Reed Flute Cave to admire the colourful stalagmites and stalactites. Continue to the Pearl Museum, then fly to Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan Province. This evening, enjoy an optional performance of Sichuan opera for the actors' famous 'face-changing'.

#### DAY 12: GRAND BUDDHA OF LESHAN

Travel to Leshan to visit the Grand Buddha which, at 71 metres, is the world's largest stone-carved Buddhist monument. Get a bird's eve view of the Buddha from the adjacent park, then a short boat trip will give excellent views from the river. Back in Chengdu visit the Shu Brocade and Embroidery Museum. Tonight you will sample a delicious Sichuanese meal.

#### **DAY 13: GIANT PANDAS**

Visit Chengdu's famous Giant Panda reserve to see and learn about China's celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Fly to Xian, the ancient former capital. This evening, sit down to a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

#### DAY 14: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

Visit the Terracotta Army of Emperor Qin Shi Huang. The warriors have intrigued visitors ever since their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s - spend the morning viewing their enigmatic ranks and visit the workshop where the warriors are intricately recreated. Later, stroll along the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town.

#### **DAY 15: BULLET TRAIN** TO BEIJING

This morning, visit the fascinating Little Wild Goose Pagoda. Later, board a bullet train to Beijing, the capital of China.

#### DAY 16: IMPERIAL BEIJING

In the morning, soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape, where you can watch, or participate in a dance class. Head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square, and stroll into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City - a complex full of imperial treasures. A Chinese acrobatic show rounds off the day.

#### DAY 17: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight - the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the sheer magnificence of the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that it crosses. Later on, you'll visit the Jade Museum. Take some time in the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace before dining on Beijing's best known delicacy Peking duck. Later, enjoy an optional Kung Fu show.

#### DAY 18: FLY BEIJING TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.

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# TOPOVER IN

#### HONG KONG 2 NIGHTS FROM £310PP

A sophisticated and lively destination, enjoy the sights and sounds of Hong Kong, where Chinese character underlies colonial charms and the gastronomy is varied and delicious. See pages 106-107. Additional flight costs may apply.

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# **CLASSIC** CHINA

Cruise along the Yangtze and Li rivers and let the spectacular landscapes of Yunnan Province take your breath away. Explore the cobbled streets of old Lijiang, gaze on the magnificent Tiger Leaping Gorge and visit the Giant Pandas in Chengdu.

DAYS FROM

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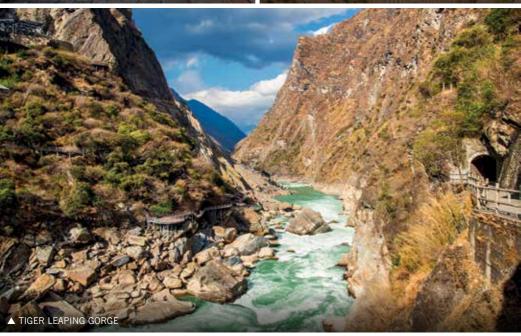
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#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Walk on the Great Wall
- Explore friendly Yangshuo
- Face the Terracotta Army
- Discover the past in Lijiang
- Three nights on the Yangtze

Transfer to the airport and fly

• Explore Tiger Leaping Gorge

#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO BEIJING

Fly overnight to Beijing, China's historical capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

#### DAY 3: IMPERIAL BEIJING

This morning, head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square, and stroll into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, you will find a complex full of imperial riches. Later, soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape, and wander in the park where you can watch, or participate in a dance class. Eat traditional Peking duck for dinner and enjoy a Chinese acrobatic show.

#### DAY 4: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight - the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that it crosses. Visit the Jade Museum then spend the afternoon in the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace as you wander through traditional Chinese landscapes and see the exquisite architecture. This evening, there is an option to see some Kung Fu masters in action.

#### DAY 5: FLY TO XIAN

to the ancient city of Xian. Visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda before enjoying a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and a colourful performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

#### **DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS**

After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first Emperor. Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors and visit the workshop where the warriors are intricately recreated. After lunch, stroll along the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town.

#### DAY 7: FLY TO GUILIN

Fly to the beautiful city of Guilin. Visit Reed Flute Cave, where you can admire colourful stalactites and stalagmites.

#### **DAY 8: LI RIVER CRUISE**

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to charming Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of lush greenery, grazing buffalo and local fishermen. This afternoon you can spend some time browsing Yangshuo's vibrant markets.

#### DAY 9: AROUND YANGSHUO

Yangshuo sits amongst paddy fields and dramatic karsts spend the morning exploring the countryside around it and stop on the banks of the Li River for a photo opportunity with a cormorant fisherman. This afternoon is at leisure. There are many optional activities available including cycling, rafting and walking if you wish.

#### DAY 10: TRAVEL TO KUNMING

Drive back to Guilin and visit the Pearl Museum before flying to Kunming, capital of Yunnan Province. This evening, dine on a local dish, Across the Bridge Noodles.

#### DAY 11: THE STONE FOREST

Meander through the formations of the UNESCO-listed Stone Forest, where towering limestone pillars stand treelike in a fascinating illusion of woodland.

#### DAY 12: EXPLORE LIJIANG

Fly to Lijiang, set in the foothills of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. Discover the old quarter: the quintessential Chinese 'old town', wander the jumble of cobbled streets, traditional wooden buildings and rustic stone bridges. Continue on to the Black Dragon Pool Park, where there are wonderful views of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain.

#### DAY 13: TIGER LEAPING GORGE

Over 3,000 metres deep, Tiger Leaping Gorge, with its backdrop of snow-capped mountains is one of China's most extraordinary sights. The whole area is spectacular - prepare for breathtaking views on today's tour. Later, return to Lijiang.

#### DAY 14: JADE DRAGON **SNOW MOUNTAIN**

Dragon Snow Mountain comprises several peaks, the tallest of which soars 5,500 metres. Taking a cable car, explore one of the gorgeous high meadows and enjoy the amazing vistas. On the way back to Lijiang, admire the fascinating Ming Dynasty frescoes at Baisha and visit Baisha village, a settlement of the Naxi minority people.

A magnificent mountain, the Jade

#### DAY 15: FLY TO CHENGDU

Fly to Chengdu, the home of the Giant Panda. Dine on some fantastic local cuisine before an option to watch a traditional Sichuan Opera performance.

#### DAY 16. PANDAS

A visit to Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre allows you to see and learn about China's celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Take a stroll through People's Park to see Matchmaker's Corner, where parents search for suitable partners for their children. Later transfer to Chongqing and board your Yangtze cruise vessel.

#### DAYS 17-19: YANGTZE **RIVER CRUISE**

Cruise down the Yangtze through some of China's most dramatic scenery particularly the Three Gorges. Over the next three days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another. Take a side trip to the attractive Goddess or Shennong Stream and enjoy shore excursions to Fengdu or Shibaozhai. A man-made marvel, you will also see Three Gorges Dam which showcases a simply massive feat of engineering. Disembark and transfer to Wuhan for your flight to Shanghai.

#### DAY 20: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Visit the Yu Garden and old town, before admiring the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund. Learn about the age-old silk production process at the Silk Museum and take an optional trip on the super-fast Maglev train or go up Jin Mao Tower. This evening view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise and enjoy a delicious meal of traditional Shanghainese cuisine.

#### DAY 21: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.

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# **MAGNIFICENT** CHINA

From the Great Wall and Warriors, to cruising on the mighty Yangtze and the breathtaking Li River, this tour encompasses China's most magnificent sights as well as spending a little extra time in China's most exciting cities.

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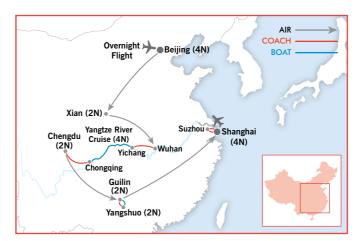
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#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

• Walk on the Great Wall

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO BEIJING

Fly overnight to Beijing, China's

historical capital. Depending on

day is yours to start soaking up

DAY 3: IMPERIAL BEIJING

and stroll into the sprawling

magnificence of the Forbidden

City to discover a complex full

like hutongs and visit a local

This evening, sit down to a

of imperial riches. Later, enjoy a

rickshaw ride through the warren-

family to gain a deeper insight into

Chinese culture and local customs.

This morning, head to Beijing's

symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square,

your time of arrival, the rest of the

**ITINERARY** 

the local culture.

- Face the Terracotta Army
- Watch Giant Pandas play
- · Cruise on the Li River
- Four nights on the Yangtze
- Stroll old gardens in Suzhou

Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape, and wander the grounds where you can watch, or participate in a dance class. A Chinese acrobatic show rounds off the day.

#### DAY 6: TANG DYNASTY DANCING

Fly to Xian, the ancient former capital. See the Little Wild Goose Pagoda, before a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and a Tang Dynasty dance show. **DAY 7: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS** 

#### traditional dinner of Peking duck.

DAY 4: THE GREAT WALL Visit China's most iconic sight the Great Wall. There is no better way to appreciate the magnificence of this incredible structure than walking along it. Visit the Jade Museum then spend an afternoon in the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace. This evening, there is an option to see Kung Fu masters in action.

DAY 5: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN In the morning, soak up the harmonious ambience of the

# The Terracotta Army of Emperor

Qin Shi Huang has long intrigued visitors. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-like warriors and later visit the Ceramics Exhibition where replicas of the statues are created. In the afternoon, take a stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town. Also explore the atmospheric alleys of the Muslim Quarter and the many Muslim food stalls. This evening, join an optional tour of Xian by night.

#### **DAY 8: BOARD YOUR CRUISE**

Fly to Wuhan and transfer to Yichang to board your Yangtze River Cruise vessel.

#### DAYS 9-11: YANGTZE **RIVER CRUISE**

The Three Gorges Dam showcases a massive feat of engineering but as we cruise upstream nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery including the Three Gorges themselves. Over the next three days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another, and take a side trip to the attractive Goddess or Shennong streams and Fengdu or Shibaozhai.

#### DAY 12: OLD CIQIKOU

Disembark in Chongging and explore old Cigikou, whose narrow streets are perfect for a stroll to admire the traditional architecture. Transfer to Chengdu.

#### DAY 13: GIANT PANDAS

Visit Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre to see and learn about China's celebrated bears in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Look around the Shu Brocade Museum and stroll through the vibrant People's Park with a stop at Matchmaker's Corner, where parents search for worthy suitors for their children, ending with a visit to a traditional tea house. Dine on delicious Sichuanese food for dinner after which there is an option to see a performance of Sichuan Opera, famous for 'face-changing'

#### DAY 14: GUILIN

Fly to the beautiful city of Guilin. Discover the colourful stalagmites and stalactites of Reed Flute Cave.

#### DAY 15: LI RIVER CRUISE

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to the charming town of Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of lush greenery, grazing buffalo and local fishermen.

#### DAY 16: YANGSHUO Yangshuo sits in an exquisite

rural location, surrounded by green paddy fields and dramatic limestone karsts. Spend the morning exploring the countryside and stop on the banks of the Li River for a photo opportunity

with a cormorant fisherman. This afternoon is at leisure. There are many optional activities available including cycling, rafting and walking if you wish.

#### **DAY 17: DISCOVER GUILIN**

Travel back to Guilin and visit Ronghu Lake and the Sun and Moon pagodas – two towering examples of traditional Chinese-Buddhist architecture. Continue to the South China Pearl Museum to see the fascinating 1,700-year history of pearling in the South China Sea with displays and demonstrations. There are also beautiful pieces available to buy.

#### DAY 18: FLY TO SHANGHAI

Fly to Shanghai. Later, spend some time in the city's Xintiandi area, a vibrant entertainment district made up of traditional 19th-century Shikumen architecture.

#### DAY 19: HISTORIC SUZHOU

Travel to Suzhou. Suzhou is renowned for its gardens - visit one of its finest, the Humble Administrator's Garden. Cruise the Grand Canal before returning to Shanghai for a dinner of Shanghainese cuisine.

#### DAYS 20-21: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide. Visit the Shanghai museum, People's Square and admire the architecture on the Bund. Later, view the city from the Huangpu River on a cruise. The next day visit the Silk Museum. classical Yu Garden and stop in the old town before exploring futuristic Pudong.

#### DAY 22: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK Fly to the UK, arriving home the

same or following day.

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23 Mar - 13 Apr	£3,890	20 Apr - 11 May	£3,890	25 May - 15 Jun	£3,890	03 Aug - 24 Aug	£4,190	07 Sep - 28 Sep	£3,990	07 Oct - 28 Oct*	£3,990	02 Nov - 23 Nov	£3,490
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# **CHINA ENCOUNTERS**

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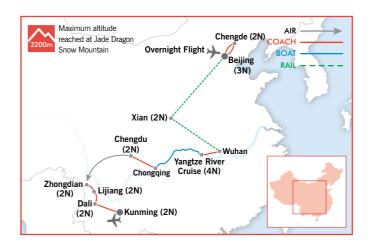
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#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Walk on Simatai Great Wall
- Face the Terracotta Army
- Watch Giant Pandas play
- Admire Chengde's architecture Discover Tiger Leaping Gorge
- Explore Tibetan Zhongdian

#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO BEIJING

Fly overnight to Beijing, China's historical capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

#### DAY 3: IMPERIAL BEIJING

This morning, head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square, and stroll into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City where you will find a complex full of imperial riches. Later, soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape, where you can watch, or participate in a dance class. This evening, sit down to a traditional dinner of Peking duck and enjoy an acrobatics show.

#### DAY 4: SUMMER PALACE

In the morning, enjoy the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace before visiting the Jade Museum. then travel to Chengde by road.

#### **DAY 5: EXPLORE CHENGDE**

The summer retreat of Manchu emperors, Chengde is home to a wealth of imperial architecture. Visit the magnificent Mountain Resort and sacred temples. including Puning and Putuo.

#### DAY 6: THE GREAT WALL Make the return journey

back to Beijing via the Great Wall. China's most iconic

sight. Visit the Simatai section, where you can enjoy views back across to Jinshanling Pass.

#### **DAY 7: LITTLE WILD GOOSE PAGODA**

Take a bullet train to Xian and visit the fascinating Little Wild Goose Pagoda. Tonight, feast on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings before a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

**DAY 8: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS** Today begins with the viewing of the enigmatic ranks of warriors that make up the Terracotta Army of Emperor Qin Shi Huang. Visit the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts. Watch the skilled production process and choose to purchase one to take home. Later, stroll on Xian's 14thcentury city walls and explore the atmospheric alleys of the Muslim Quarter.

# DAY 9: BULLET TRAIN TO WUHAN

Take the bullet train to Wuhan and transfer to Yichang to board your Yangtze River Cruise vessel.

#### DAYS 10-12: YANGTZE **RIVER CRUISE**

Gorges Dam showcases this massive feat of engineering. But as we cruise upstream nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery including the Three Gorges

A man-made marvel, the Three

themselves. Over the next three days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another. Take a side trip to the attractive Goddess or Shennong stream and enjoy shore excursions to Shibaozhai or Fengdu.

#### DAY 13: ANCIENT CIQIKOU

Disembark in Chongqing and explore old Cigikou, whose narrow streets are perfect for a stroll to admire the traditional architecture. Continue to Chengdu.

#### DAY 14: EXPLORE CHENGDU

Visit Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre to see and learn about China's celebrated bears in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Stroll through the bustling People's Park to Matchmaker's Corner. where parents search for worthy suitors for their children.

#### DAY 15: TIBETAN ZHONGDIAN

Fly to the monastery town of Zhongdian, also known as Shangri-La. This afternoon is at leisure to give you some time to acclimatise to the altitude.

#### DAY 16: SONGZANLIN **MONASTERY**

Spend the morning exploring the spectacular Songzanlin Monastery. Afterwards, make your way to a rural Tibetan-style village where you will learn about the villagers' way of life and taste home-cooked dishes. End the day with a tour of the old town and Dafo Temple. DAY 17: TIGER

# LEAPING GORGE

Journey to the 3,000 metredeep Tiger Leaping Gorge, with its backdrop of snow-capped mountains, is one of China's most extraordinary sights. The whole area is spectacular – prepare for breathtaking views before you travel on to Lijiang. The quintessential Chinese 'old town', Lijiang's old quarter is a jumble of cobbled streets, traditional wooden buildings and rustic stone bridges - in short, a delightful place to aimlessly wander.

#### **DAY 18: JADE DRAGON SNOW MOUNTAIN**

A magnificent mountain, the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain comprises several peaks, the

tallest of which is 5,500 metres. Taking a cable car, explore one of the stunning high meadows and enjoy the amazing vistas. Visit Baisha Old Town to view the fascinating murals, painted during the early Ming Dynasty and take a tour of the Embroidery School.

#### DAY 19: BLACK DRAGON POOL

This morning, visit Black Dragon Pool Park where there are wonderful views of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. Travel to Dali and explore the lively Foreigners' Street.

#### DAYS 20-21: ENCHANTING DALI

The area surrounding Dali is extremely scenic. Explore the village of Xizhou to browse its local market. See the Yan family home and watch a tie-dving demonstration. Wander through Dali's Ancient Quarter and relax with a cruise on Erhai Lake. The next day, visit the Three Pagodas and travel by road to Kunming. Tuck into local Across the Bridge Noodles for dinner.

#### **DAY 22: STONE FOREST**

Today, explore the fascinating formations of the picturesque Stone Forest before seeing an optional cultural show.

#### DAY 23: FLY KUNMING TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.



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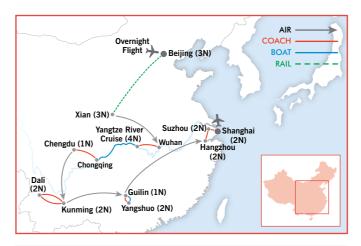












#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Walk on the Great Wall
- Watch Giant Pandas play
- Cruise on the Li River

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO BEIJING

Fly overnight to Beijing, China's

historical capital. Depending on

your time of arrival, the rest of the

day is yours to start soaking up the

DAYS 3-4: BEIJING AND THE

Visit Tiananmen Square

and discover the sprawling

old hutongs where you can

meet a local family and visit

their home. This evening, eat

traditional Peking duck. The

next morning, take a walk on

the incredible Great Wall, the

best way to appreciate its sheer

magnificence. Stop at the Jade

appreciate the delicate process of

carving the stone - you can even

idvIlic landscapes of the Summer

Palace. In the evening, watch a

DAY 5: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN

Chinese acrobatic show.

buy a piece. Finally, enjoy the

Museum to understand and

magnificence of the Forbidden

City before exploring Beijing's

**ITINERARY** 

local culture.

**GREAT WALL** 

- Discover old China in Dali

DAYS 6-7: TERRACOTTA

• Stroll old gardens in Suzhou

• Four nights on the Yangtze

a dance class. Later, take a bullet train to Xian.

#### **WARRIORS** Visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda

before wandering around the narrow alleys of the Muslim Quarter. Tonight, feast on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings before a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing. The next day, view the enigmatic ranks of warriors that make up the Terracotta Army of Emperor Qin Shi Huang. Visit the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate Terracotta Warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts. Watch the skilled production process and buy a souvenir warrior to take home. Later, stroll on Xian's beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls.

#### **DAY 8: BOARD YOUR CRUISE**

Fly to Wuhan and transfer to Yichang to board your Yangtze River cruise vessel.

#### DAYS 9-11: YANGTZE **RIVER CRUISE**

The Three Gorges Dam may be In the morning, soak up the an impressive feat of engineering harmonious ambience of the but as you cruise upstream nature Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis takes over, revealing some of the in a bustling urban landscape, and world's most dramatic scenery wander through the park, where including the Three Gorges you can watch, or participate in

themselves. Over the next three days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another. Take a side trip to the attractive Goddess or Shennong Stream and enjoy a range of shore excursions.

#### DAY 12: OLD CIQIKOU

Disembark in Chongging then explore old Cigikou, whose narrow streets are perfect for a stroll to admire the traditional architecture. Transfer to Chengdu where tonight you will be served a traditional Sichuanese dinner with the option to watch a Sichuan Opera performance.

#### DAY 13: GIANT PANDAS

Visit Chengdu's famous Panda Centre to see these celebrated bears in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Stop by the Shu Brocade and Embroidery Museum before flying to the pleasant city of Kunming.

#### **DAY 14: STONE FOREST**

Today, explore the fascinating formations of the picturesque Stone Forest. Tuck in to local delicacy. Across the Bridge Noodles, for dinner,

#### DAYS 15-16: ENCHANTING DALI

Dali offers a peek of the China of times-gone-by. On your first day visit the Three Pagodas, whilst the next day explore the Ancient Quarter, the Yan Family House and travel to Xizhou village to browse around the local market. There will also be a cruise on Erhai Lake.

#### DAY 17: GUILIN

Transfer back to Kunming and fly to the beautiful city of Guilin.

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li

#### DAYS 18-19: LI RIVER AND YANGSHUO

River to charming Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of lush greenery and grazing buffalo. Yangshuo itself sits amongst paddy fields and dramatic karsts - spend the next morning exploring and stop on the banks of the Li River for a photo opportunity with a cormorant fisherman. There are many optional activities available this afternoon

including cycling, rafting and walking if you wish.

#### DAY 20: REED FLUTE CAVE

Drive back to Guilin to visit the Pearl Museum and Reed Flute Cave, where you can admire colourful stalactites and stalagmites. Fly to Hangzhou.

#### DAYS 21-22: DISCOVER **HANGZHOU**

Spend a morning wandering around the Temple of Inspired Seclusion and visit the former residence of Hu Xueyang, before cruising on West Lake, admiring the gardens, pagodas and old bridges on its shores. The next day transfer to Suzhou

#### DAY 23: SUZHOU

Suzhou's centre has managed to retain a sense of quaint charm. Renowned for its elegant gardens, visit one of the finest, the Humble Administrator's Garden, typical of the Chinese appreciation of balance and harmony. Cruise on the thousand-year-old Grand Canal.

#### DAY 24: SHANGHAI

Travel to Shanghai. Visit Matchmaker's Corner, where parents search for worthy suitors for their children, the Shanghai Museum and People's Square. Later, enjoy a view of the glittering city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise. This evening, dine on a delicious meal of Shanghainese cuisine.

#### DAY 25: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Today's explorations include the traditional Yu Garden, the old town and the Silk Museum. Later, admire the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund.

#### DAY 26: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.

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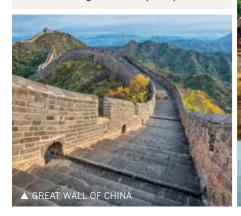
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#### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Drift along the Mekong Delta • Wander enchanting Hoi An
- Cruise across Halong Bay

## **ITINERARY**

#### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SAIGON

Fly overnight to Saigon, Vietnam's most evocative and largest city. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

#### **DAY 3: CU CHI TUNNELS**

Contemplate the horrors of guerrilla warfare at the astonishing Cu Chi Tunnels before returning to Saigon to see the Notre Dame Cathedral and Central Post Office – legacies of a colonial past. Also visit the War Remnants Museum.

#### DAY 4: MEKONG DELTA CRUISE

Travel to Ben Tre to take a cruise on the Mekong. Called the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam', get a glimpse of daily life on the Mekong Delta and lunch on delicious, typically Mekong dishes. Return to Saigon

#### DAYS 5-6: HISTORIC HOI AN

Fly to Danang and transfer to the UNESCO-listed town of Hoi An. Take a walking tour of this charming town. A wonderfully laidback and wilfully traditional place, the streets are a delight

merchant's house, the elaborate Japanese Bridge and the market. The next day, pop out to Tra Que Village. Help with the cultivation of vegetables and enjoy a rejuvenating herbal foot bath. Eat lunch at a local family home and watch a

• Stand on the Great Wall

• Face the Terracotta Army

• Watch Giant Pandas play

to wander around - visit an old

#### cooking demonstration. DAYS 7-8: IMPERIAL HUE Travel to Hue. Visit the

UNESCO-listed Royal Tomb of Minh Mang. The next day, float along the Perfume River to Thien Mu Pagoda before travelling to An Hien House. Finally, make your way to the imposing Imperial Citadel where you can fully explore.

#### DAY 9: COLONIAL HANOI

Fly to the capital city of Hanoi. dubbed the 'Paris of the Orient'. Visit the Fine Arts Museum, take a cyclo tour of the Old Quarter's atmospheric streets and watch a water puppet show.

#### DAYS 10-11: HALONG **BAY CRUISE**

Cruise amongst karst peaks on the tranquil green waters of Halong Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a vision of awe-

inspiring beauty. Spend the night onboard. The next morning enjoy a kayaking experience and explore Surprise Cave. Return to Hanoi.

## DAY 12: DISCOVER HANOI

Hanoi brings all the charms of the past with all the buzz of the future in one fast-paced yet refined city. Explore the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, and visit Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum (closed at certain times of year). Also visit the Stilt House and One Pillar Pagoda and the Temple of Literature. The rest of the afternoon is free.

#### DAYS 13-14: GIANT PANDAS

Fly to Chengdu. The next day, visit Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre where you can see China's celebrated icons up close. Wander through People's Park to the fascinating Matchmaker's Corner and visit a traditional teahouse. This evening, you can sample the delicious Sichuanese cuisine.

#### DAY 15: RONGHU LAKE

Take an early morning flight to Guilin. Stroll around Ronghu Lake and visit the Sun and Moon pagodas.

#### DAYS 16-17: LI RIVER CRUISE AND YANGSHUO

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to Yangshuo. The next morning, explore this unique rural location and stop on the banks of the Li River for a photo opportunity with a cormorant fisherman. This afternoon is at leisure.

#### DAY 18: REED FLUTE CAVE

Return to Guilin. Later, see the colourful formations of the Reed Flute Cave. Spend some time exploring the South China Pearl Museum.

#### DAY 19: SHUI JIAO DUMPLINGS

Fly to the ancient city of Xian. The start of the Silk Road, Xian is an incredible melting pot of religions and cultures. Stroll along the 14th-century city walls. This evening, indulge on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings followed by a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

#### DAY 20: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

The Terracotta Army of Emperor Qin Shi Huang has intrigued visitors for years. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic

ranks standing sentinel in their mysterious necropolis. Later, visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda.

#### DAY 21: TRAVEL TO BEIJING

Board a bullet train to Beijing.

#### DAY 22: IMPERIAL BEIJING

In the morning, stroll across Tiananmen Square, and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City where you'll find a complex full of imperial treasures. Also visit the tranguil Temple of Heaven and wander through the adjacent park where you can watch, or participate in a session of Tai Chi.

#### DAY 23: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight - the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate its sheer magnificence. Enjoy the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace - stroll along the Long Corridor, admire carefully cultivated gardens and wonder at the Marble Boat built by order of Empress Dowager Cixi. Round off the day with a Chinese acrobatic show.

#### DAYS 24-25: EXPLORE SHANGHAL

Fly to Shanghai and explore this cosmopolitan city. In the evening enjoy a panoramic cruise on the Huangpu River. The next day, visits include the Yu Garden, the old town, Silk Museum and the colonial architecture of the Bund.

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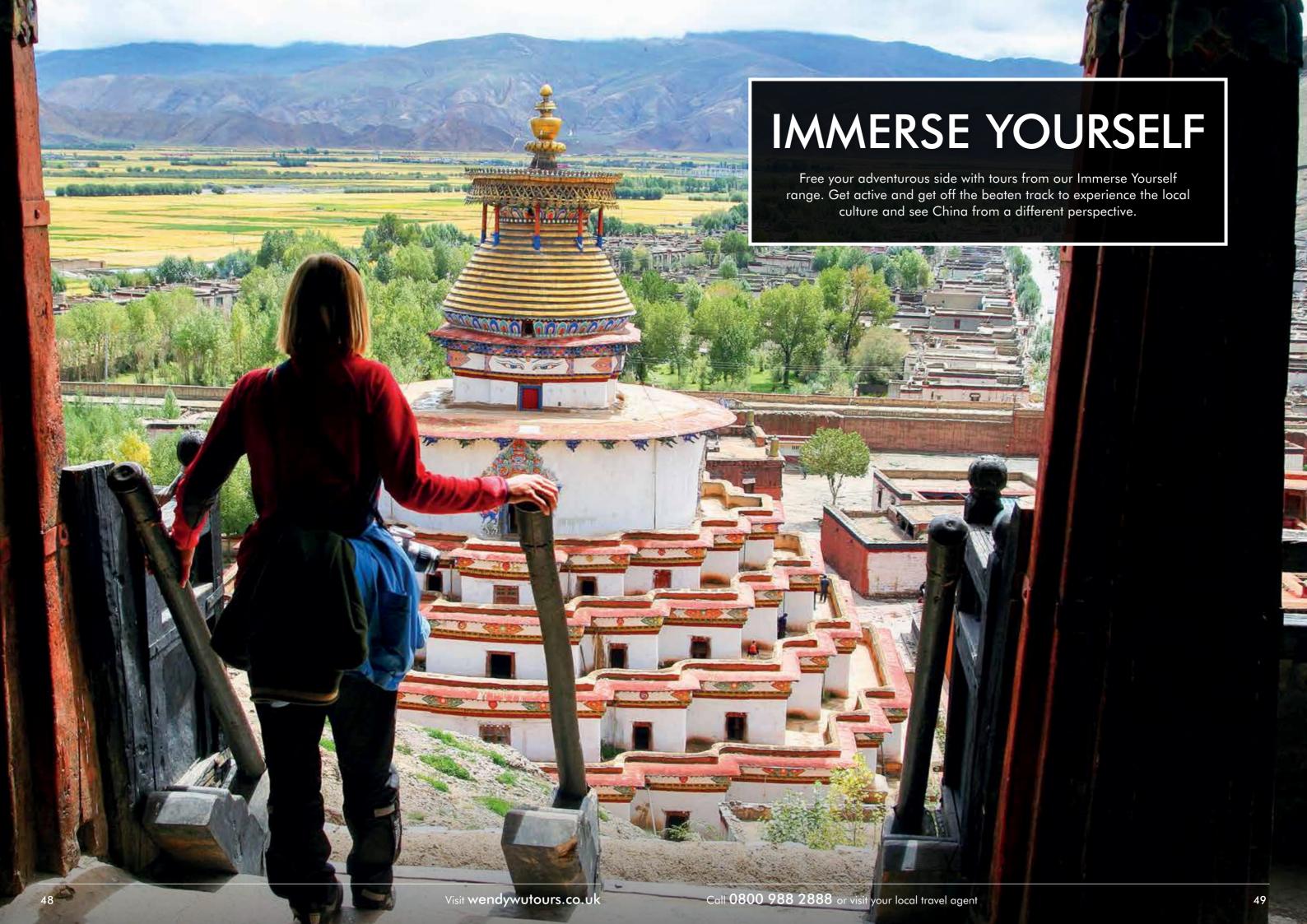


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To see more of the natural wonders of China, look at Sichuan Explorer, Yunnan Adventure or Dreams of Nature. Or to see an entirely different world, get off the beaten track on Tibetan Wonders, Mongolia and the Naadam Festival or Silk Road Explorer.

IMMERSE YOURSELF	DAYS	PAGE	GREAT WALL	WARRIORS	PANDAS	YANGTZE	GUILIN	YUNNAN	BEYONE
China Explorer	15 days	54	Trekking	•	•	•			
A China Adventure	17 days	56	Trekking	•	•		•		
China Trailblazer	21 days	58	Trekking	•	•	•	•		
Enchanting China	17 days	60	•	•	•	•			
Land of the Dragon	21 days	62	•	•	•	•	•		
China: The Big One	28 days	64	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Sichuan Explorer	15 days	66			•				
Yunnan Adventure	16 days	68						•	
Himalayan Adventure	21 days	70			•				•
Dreams of Nature	22 days	72			•	•	•		
Mongolia & the Naadam Festival	22 days	74							•
Tibetan Wonders	23 days	76			•			•	
Road to Samarkand	24 days	78							•
Silk Road Explorer	27 days	80	•	•					

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# **EXPLORE AND GET ACTIVE**



#### Hike on the Great Wall

The Great Wall is one of China's most iconic sights, and Jinshanling one of its most beautiful sections. It is also less frequented by tourists than many other parts of the wall. Take the time to acquaint yourself with China's oldest fortress, learn more about its fascinating history, and walk over the ancient brickwork as it snakes lazily across the mountain range.



#### Jinji Suspended Rope Bridge

Suspended over a dramatic gorge filled with lush bamboo, the Jinji Suspended Rope Bridge offers breathtaking views over the forest and mountain, and an exhilarating experience. The bridge is reached by a walk through a mystical bamboo forest, all quiet but for the creak and swish of the breeze playing amongst the trees.

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#### **Pingle Ancient Town**

Considered Sichuan's most charming town, Pingle also has a rich and colourful history as a stop on the ancient and fabled Tea Horse Road. Wander the old streets, admiring the old-style architecture and catch a glimpse of the past – don't forget to pop into a traditional teahouse to sample the fragrant brews for yourself.



#### Walk the Longji Rice Terraces

Winding and mist-wreathed, the rice terraces of Longji have long been playing across the mountainsides of North Guangxi, creating intricate patterns and breathtaking vistas. Depending on the season, they will either be full of reflective water or brimming with lush plants but whenever you walk among them you'll be beholding epic view after epic view.



#### Cycle and Raft in Yangshuo

What better way to see some of China's most beautiful countryside? Take the opportunity to cycle through beautiful scenery, or drift quietly down the Yulong River on a bamboo raft, through a serene sea of pastures and paddy fields, all watched over by the towering limestone peaks for which the area is so famous.



## **GET CLOSER** TO NATURE

#### Dujiangyan Panda Reserve

Close to Chengdu, nestled near the foot of Mt Qingcheng, you will visit the charming and beautiful pandas of Dujiangyan. Smaller and less visited than neighbouring reserves, but still easily accessible, Dujiangyan provides a home very similar to the pandas' natural habitat – the perfect opportunity to get closer to these magnificent creatures.

## **EXPERIENCE LOCAL LIFE**

#### **Shanghai Mornings**

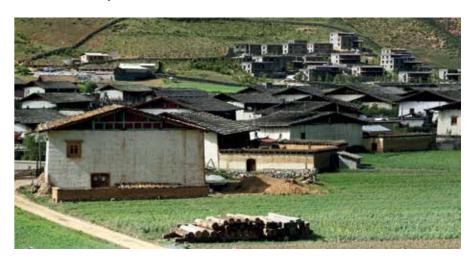
Spend a morning like the native Shanghainese by taking a walking tour through the city's colourful concession areas. Watch the bustle of the city rush past as you devour typical Shanghai breakfast treats such as savoury breakfast pancakes and fried bread sticks.



The birthplace of Taoism, Mt Qingcheng is dotted with ancient and highly decorative temples. Walk to the summit to take in the views from Old Master Pavilion, where you will be met by a Taoist priest who will explain Taoist ideas and demonstrate the ancient art of calligraphy and painting.



Pay a visit to a local family in rural Zhongdian, a deeply Buddhist and Tibetan area in Southwest China. Here you will dine with your local hosts on savoury home-cooked dishes and learn about their way of life.





#### Calligraphy on Mt Qingcheng



#### Weibaoshan Meditation

Find inner peace on the mystical slopes of Weibaoshan, one of China's fourteen sacred Taoist mountains with 22 well-preserved Taoist temples that date back to the ming and Qing dynasties. Wander to Qinxia Temple, where a Taoist priest will introduce you to traditional meditative practices.



#### **Debating Monks of Lhasa**

The monks of Sera, one of Tibet's three great university monasteries, are renowned for their debating. Visit the monastery's debating courtyard to watch them discoursing on Buddhist doctrine, part of the learning process, driving their point home with the use of traditional gestures, including claps, pushing and even screaming!

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#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Hike the Great Wall
- Conquer Jinji Rope Bridge
- · Cycle Xian's city wall

#### **ITINERARY**

## DAYS 1-2: FLY TO BEIJING Fly overnight to Beijing, China's

historical capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

#### DAY 3: FORBIDDEN CITY AND **SUMMER PALACE WALK**

Stroll across Tiananmen Square into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Walking through this ornately designed complex offers an unsurpassed insight into China's colourful past. Continue to the idyllic Summer Palace and explore the magnificent grounds. before taking a walk up Longevity Hill to enjoy panoramic views. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 4: BEIJING'S HUTONGS

Arrive early for a visit to the Temple of Heaven and mingle with the locals as they start their day with Tai Chi, dancing and card playing in a flurry of sociable activity you would never see in a park at home. Next, you'll visit Yandaixiejie, where you'll have some free time to wander around the hutongs; these narrow alleys offer an authentic glimpse of the old Beijing before the emergence of high-rise buildings and modern commerce. Sit down for lunch with one of the families who call the hutongs home before driving to Simatai Great Wall. Ride up to the apex of the Wall by cable car to see the sunset. (B,L,D)

#### · Visit pandas in Dujiangyan

- Face the Terracotta Army
- Three nights on the Yangtze

#### DAY 5: HIKE THE GREAT WALL

Travel to the Great Wall at Jinshanling, a section that is much less frequented by tourists than other parts. The stark yet magnificent surroundings allow you to put yourself in the shoes of those who walked this incredible structure hundreds of years ago. Your trek will last approximately four hours as the wall courses through dramatic landscapes and rugged terrain. Later, head back to Beijing, where you'll have free time. Buzzing Sanlitun or lakeside Houhai are a great choice for the evening. (B,L)

#### **DAY 6: EXPLORE XIAN** Fly to Xian and enjoy a walking

tour of the narrow and winding streets of the Muslim Quarter. Sample the delicious, freshly cooked snacks and gain an insight into the city's fascinating culture and significance as the start of the Silk Road. Take in an optional fountain and light show and be dazzled by the city at night. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 7: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS**

Housed in three immense hangars, the ranks of the Terracotta Army stand sentinel in their subterranean necropolis, constructed to protect China's first Emperor in the afterlife. Gaze over the ranks of warriors and horses, each one unique, whilst your guide introduces you to these life-like soldiers' fascinating story. Visit the Xian Art Ceramics and Lacquer

Exhibition. Return to Xian. the ancient former capital is surrounded by an imposing and enormously wide wall, which is used as a city thoroughfare. You'll enjoy a gentle cycle ride that will take you the nine miles around the wall and past many smiling locals, giving you a unique perspective of Chinese urban life. This evening is at leisure (R I )

#### **DAY 8: PINGLE ANCIENT TOWN**

Fly to Chengdu and drive to Pingle Ancient Town, Dating back to the Han Dynasty, Pingle was a stopping point on the Tea Horse Road. Take time to walk through its maze of teahouselined streets before walking through Jinji's dense bamboo forest, then see the forest and gorge from above by crossing Jinii Suspended Rope Bridge. Continue to Chengdu. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 9: DUJIANGYAN PANDA BASE

Visit one of the world's finest panda conservation centres where you'll gain a real insight into the hard work that goes into caring for and boosting the population of this endangered species. The pandas here are kept in conditions very close to their natural habitat. Later, ascend Mt Qingcheng, the most sacred Taoist mountain in China, by cable car. It is a truly beautiful area with numerous lush, green peaks and secluded temples. Take a stroll among the mystic scenery of Yuecheng Lake. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 10: ANCIENT CIQIKOU

Jump on the bullet train to Chongging. Visit the charming old town of Cigikou – there's time to wander the cobbled alleyways and learn about its colourful history. Later, board your Yangtze Cruise vessel, home for the next three nights. (B,D)

#### DAYS 11-12: YANGTZE **RIVER CRUISE**

During your Yangtze cruise, nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery including the Three Gorges. Over the next two days, prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another. Take fascinating side trips to Shibaozhai or the Fengdu

Relocation Village and Goddess or Shennong Stream. This is a chance to absorb extraordinary countryside and get a glimpse of life on the river banks. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 13: THREE GORGES DAM

Visit the Three Gorges Dam, then fly to Shanghai. On arrival, the evening is at leisure to begin exploring this neon wonder. (B,L)

#### DAY 14: SHANGHAINESE SHANGHAI

Wake up to the buzz of Shanghai and take a breakfast walking tour between shimmering skyscrapers and traditional streets. Walk through the city's most fascinating districts, marvelling at monuments and rickety buildings before enjoying breakfast as the locals do sample pancakes, fried bread sticks and tofu. Visit the Yu Garden, the old town and the Silk Museum before taking an evening stroll along the Bund and enjoying a farewell dinner of authentic Shanghainese cuisine. Your final farewell to China will be a cruise down the Huangpu River, serenaded by the neon lights of Pudong. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 15: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK Fly to the UK, arriving home the

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See pages 110-111. Additional flight costs may apply.

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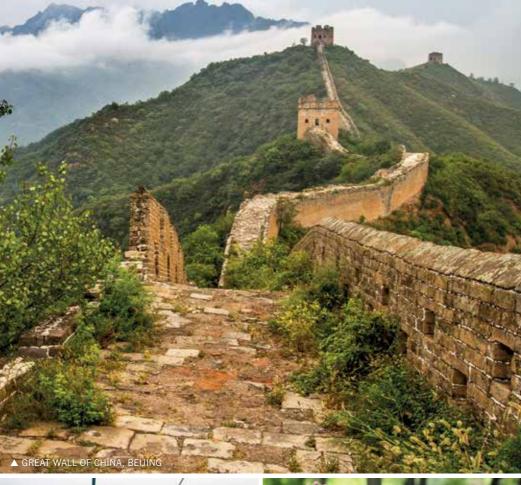
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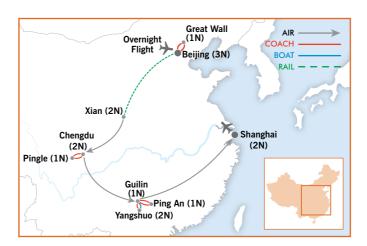












#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Hike the Great Wall
- Face the Terracotta Army
- Stay in Pingle ancient town

# Ramble Longji's rice terraces

- Cycle Yangshuo's countryside
- Conquer Jinji Rope Bridge

# DAYS 1-2: FLY TO BEIJING

**ITINERARY** 

Fly overnight to Beijing, China's historical capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

#### DAY 3: FORBIDDEN CITY AND SUMMER PALACE WALK Stroll across Tiananmen Square

into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Walking through this ornately designed complex offers an unsurpassed insight into China's colourful past. Continue to the Summer Palace and explore the magnificent grounds, before taking a short hike up Longevity Hill to enjoy panoramic views. Stop for a photo at the Olympic Stadium before dinner. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 4: BEIJING'S HUTONGS Arrive early for a visit to the

Temple of Heaven and mingle with the locals as they start their day with Tai Chi, dancing and card playing in a flurry of sociable activity you would never see in a park at home. Next, you'll visit Yandaixiejie, where you'll have some free time to wander the hutongs; these narrow alleys offer an authentic glimpse of the old Beijing before the emergence of high-rise buildings and modern commerce. Sit down for lunch with one of the families who call the hutongs home before driving to Simatai Great Wall. Ride up to the apex of the Wall by cable car to see the sunset. (B,L,D)

### DAY 5: HIKE THE GREAT WALL Take a short transfer to Gubeikou to begin the hike to Jinshanling. One of the wildest and most

scenic section-to-section hikes of the Great Wall, your path will traverse ancient and rugged landscapes, only going off-wall briefly to navigate around a Chinese military base. After approximately six hours of hiking, you'll return to Beijing where the rest of the day is at leisure. (B,L)

#### DAY 6: XIAN BY BULLET TRAIN Take the bullet train to Xian, the ancient former capital. Explore the narrow and winding streets of the Muslim Quarter. Sample the delicious, freshly cooked snacks and gain an insight into the city's fascinating culture and significance as the start of the

Silk Road. (B,L)

#### **DAY 7: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS** AND CYCLING ON THE **CITY WALL**

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#### DAY 9: PINGLE ANCIENT TOWN

Enjoy a morning at leisure. You may wish to take a walk through Pingle's maze of teahouse-lined streets. Later, see Sichuan's expansive bamboo forest from above on Jinji Suspended Rope Bridge. Drive back to Chengdu. (L,D)

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#### DAY 11: JOURNEY TO PING AN Take an early morning flight to

Guilin before transferring to Ping An for an overnight stay. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 12: RICE TERRACES AND ETHNIC VILLAGES HIKE

Wake up to stunning views of the misty, stepped hills of Longji. Today's full-day hike among the terraces will take you past small hamlets and picture-postcard views of the rice terraces which cover the landscape in intricate patterns. Whether full of water or bursting with rice plants, a walk in Longji provides an unforgettable experience of rural China. Return to Guilin where the evening is at

#### DAY 13: LI RIVER CRUISE

Take a gentle cruise along the Li River to Yangshuo. Lined with the most dramatic and imposing limestone cliffs on the planet, the serenity of life on the riverbanks is a wonderful sight. This evening, there is an option to be wowed by the light spectacular 'Liu Sanjie', a dramatic water-based show set on the Li River. (B,L,D)

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Start the day with a relaxing yet invigorating session of Tai Chi, taking a class with a master to learn this ancient martial art. This afternoon, there is the option of riding a bicycle through the countryside or joining an optional bamboo rafting trip along the Yulong River - another chance to really soak up the unspoiled surroundings and explore every corner of this exquisite location. (B,L)

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Drive back to Guilin and spend some time exploring Reed Flute Cave before going from the serene to the supercharged as you fly to Shanghai. This evening, cruise down the Huangpu River, serenaded by the neon lights of Pudong. (B,L)

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# DAY 17: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day. (B)



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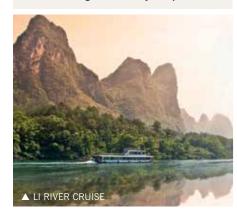
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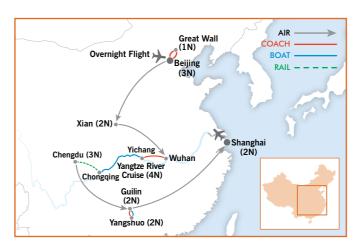
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#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Hike the Great Wall
- Four nights on the Yangtze
- Visit Pandas in rural Dujiangyan See Shanghai like a local
- Ramble Longji's rice terraces

Cycle Yangshuo's countryside

much less frequented by tourists

## **ITINERARY**

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DAY 5: HIKE THE GREAT WALL Travel to the Great Wall at Jinshanling, a section that is

than other parts. The stark yet magnificent surroundings allow you to put yourself in the shoes of those who walked this incredible structure hundreds of years ago. Your trek will last approximately four hours as the wall dramatically courses through spectacular landscapes and rugged terrain. Later, head back to Beijing, where you'll have free time. (B,L)

#### DAY 6: EXPLORE XIAN

Fly to Xian, the ancient former capital. Explore the narrow and winding streets of the Muslim Quarter. Sample the delicious, freshly cooked snacks and gain an insight into the city's fascinating culture and significance as the start of the Silk Road. The evening is at leisure - Defu Lane offers a vibrant atmosphere at night. (B,L) **DAY 7: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS** 

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Cruise vessel, home for the next four nights. (B,L,D)

#### DAYS 9-11: YANGTZE CRUISE

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#### DAY 12: CIQIKOU ANCIENT TOWN

Disembark your cruise vessel and enjoy an early lunch in the charming old town of Cigikou - there's time to wander the cobbled alleyways and learn about its colourful history. Take a bullet train to Chengdu. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 13: PINGLE **ANCIENT TOWN**

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#### DAY 15: SUN & MOON PAGODAS

Take an early morning flight to Guilin. Take a walk around the picturesque Ronghu Lake and admire the Sun and Moon pagodas – two towering examples of traditional Chinese-Buddhist architecture. (B,L)

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#### DAY 19: HUANGPU RIVER CRUISE

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#### **DAY 20: SHANGHAINESE** SHANGHAI

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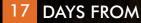
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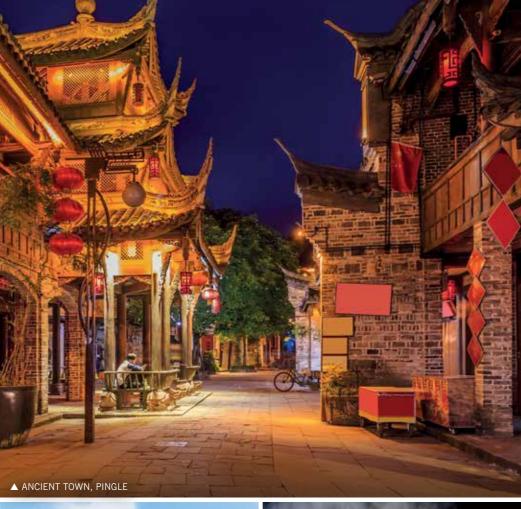
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- Walk on the Great Wall
- Visit Pandas in Chengdu
- See Shanghai like a local

#### **ITINERARY**

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#### **DAY 4: HUANGHUACHENG GREAT WALL AND** WANGFUJING

Huanghuacheng, a particularly scenic section of the Great Wall, reached by boat and boasts spectacular views from the top. Spend the afternoon at leisure exploring colourful Wangfujing street, and in the evening enjoy an optional Peking duck dinner. (B,L)

#### • Enjoy your freedom & choose amazing optional experiences

• Three nights on the Yangtze

DAY 5: SUMMER PALACE Explore the beautifully designed grounds of the Summer Palace including the Long Corridor and the Marble Boat. Spend time strolling around pretty Kunming Lake and walk up wooded Longevity Hill. Make a photo stop at the Olympic Park. (B)

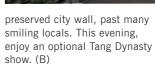
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#### DAY 8: CYCLE THE XIAN CITY WALLS

Today is a day at leisure to explore Xian. There is the option to enjoy a gentle cycle ride that will take you the nine miles around Xian's beautifully



#### DAY 9: CHENGDU LIKE A LOCAL

Fly to Chengdu and take a walk around People's Park, a hive of activity. See beautiful golden koi, locals dancing and practicing Tai Chi, visit a local teahouse, and most interesting of all spend time in Matchmaker's Corner, (B.L)

#### DAY 10: PINGLE **ANCIENT TOWN**

Today is a day at leisure in Chengdu, with the option of visiting the old town of Pingle. Dating back to the Han Dynasty, Pingle was a stopping point on the Tea Horse Road. Take time to walk through its maze of teahouselined streets before seeing the bamboo forest from above on Jinji Suspended Rope Bridge. (B)

#### DAY 11: GIANT PANDAS

Spend the morning visiting the Giant Pandas of Chengdu Panda Base. Here you can observe these gorgeous creatures lounging, playing and chomping through piles of bamboo in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Drive to Chongqing and board your Yangtze cruise vessel. (B.D)

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#### DAY 16: SHANGHAI AT LEISURE

Enjoy a day at leisure in Shanghai and explore this action-packed city. Alternatively, take an optional tour to Zhujiajiao, one of Shanghai's sleepy water towns built on an old canal system once used to transport goods all over imperial China. The town's narrow alleyways exude old-world charm, whilst the waterways are lined with ancient buildings and crossed by stone bridges. Tonight, there will be a farewell dinner of authentic Shanghainese cuisine. (B.D)

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# LAND OF THE DRAGON

Discover China on a tour that you can tailor to suit your own interests. All the major sights such as the Great Wall, Terracotta Warriors and Giant Pandas are included but you can choose your own mix of active options, personal exploration and relaxation.

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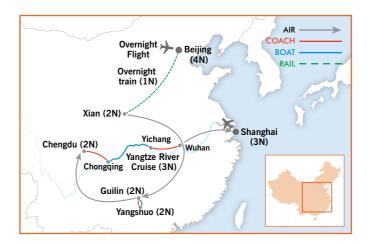












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including the Long Corridor and the Marble Boat. Spend time strolling around pretty Kunming Lake and walk up wooded Longevity Hill. Make a photo stop at the Olympic Park. (B)

#### DAY 6: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN

In the morning, visit the Temple of Heaven and mingle with the locals as they start their day with Tai Chi, dancing, and cards in a flurry of sociable activity. Later, take the overnight train to Xian. (B,L)

#### DAY 7: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

Housed in three immense hangars, the ranks of the Terracotta Army stand sentinel in their subterranean necropolis, constructed to protect China's first Emperor, Gaze over the ranks of warriors and horses. while you are introduced to these lifelike soldiers' fascinating story. Take a walking tour of the Muslim Quarter and maybe sample some of the freshly cooked snacks. With the evening free, why not enjoy a cold beer in Defu Lane or take an optional tour of the city by night? (B,L)

#### DAY 8: CYCLE THE XIAN CITY WALLS

Today is a day at leisure to explore Xian. There is the option to take a gentle cycle ride that will take you the nine miles around Xian's beautifully preserved city wall, past many smiling locals. (B)

#### DAY 9: FLY TO GUILIN

Fly to Guilin. On arrival, explore the magnificent formations of Reed Flute Cave and browse

the displays of the South China Pearl Museum. Later, take a late afternoon stroll around the picturesque Ronghu and Shanhu lakes, mingling with the local people as you go, then head to the vibrant Zhengyang Pedestrian Street where you are free to enjoy dinner and drinks. (B)

#### DAY 10: HIKING IN LONGJI

Today, there is an option to take a four-hour hike in the stunning rice terraces of Longji. Walk over the fields and enjoy picture-postcard views of the terraces which cover the landscape in intricate patterns. Otherwise, spend more time in Guilin. (B)

#### DAY 11: LI RIVER CRUISE

Take a gentle cruise along the Li River to Yangshuo. Lined with dramatic cliffs, the serenity of life on the riverbanks is a wonderful sight. Walk through this idyllic wonderland and get an insight into life here. Later, visit the magnificent Moon Hill. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B,L)

#### DAY 12: YANGSHUO TAI CHI

Start the day with a relaxing yet invigorating session of Tai Chi. taking a class with a master to learn this ancient martial art. Afterwards, you may wish to join an optional bamboo rafting trip along the Yulong River or cycle through the countryside for one last, tranquil jaunt in Yangshuo. (B)

#### DAY 13: CHENGDU LIKE A LOCAL

Return to Guilin and fly to Chengdu. Walk around People's Park, a hive of activity, to see beautiful golden koi, locals dancing and practicing tai chi, visit a local teahouse and most interesting of all, visit Matchmaker's Corner. The rest of the day is at leisure where you can enjoy an optional hot pot dinner and a face changing show. (B,L)

#### DAY 14: PINGLE ANCIENT TOWN Today is a day at leisure in Chengdu, with the option of

visiting the old town of Pingle. Dating back to the Han Dynasty, Pingle was a stopping point on the Tea Horse Road. Take time to walk through its maze of teahouselined streets before seeing the bamboo forest from above on Jinji Suspended Rope Bridge. (B)

#### DAY 15: GIANT PANDAS

Spend the morning visiting the Giant Pandas of Chengdu Panda

Base. Here you can observe these gorgeous creatures lounging, playing and chomping through piles of bamboo in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Drive to Chongging and board your Yangtze cruise vessel. (B,D)

#### DAYS 16-17: YANGTZE CRUISE

As you cruise downstream, nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery, including the Three Gorges themselves. A two-day voyage along China's riverine treasure is a chance to relax and enjoy a slower pace, whilst absorbing one breathtaking panorama after another. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 18: FLY TO SHANGHAI

A man-made marvel, the Three Gorges Dam showcases this massive feat of engineering. Visit the mammoth dam before disembarking your cruise vessel. Fly to Shanghai. (B,L)

#### DAY 19: SHANGHAINESE SHANGHAI

Wake up to the buzz of Shanghai and take a breakfast walking tour between shimmering skyscrapers and traditional streets. Walk through the city's most fascinating districts. marvelling at monuments and rickety buildings before enjoying breakfast as the locals do sample pancakes, fried bread sticks and tofu. Visit Yu Garden. the old town and the Silk Museum before a cruise down the Huangpu River, as you are serenaded by the neon lights of Pudong. (B)

#### DAY 20: SHANGHAI

Enjoy a day at leisure in Shanghai and explore this action packed city. Alternatively, take an optional tour to Zhuijaijao, one of Shanghai's sleepy water towns built on an old canal system once used to transport goods all over imperial China. The town's narrow alleyways exude old-world charm, whilst the waterways are lined with ancient buildings and crossed by stone bridges. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner of authentic Shanghainese cuisine. (B,D)

### DAY 21: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

## DEPARTURES – Departing Monday returning Sunday

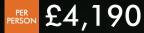
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# CHINA: THE BIG ONE

This slower-paced tour has time set aside for independent exploration. As well as the vibrant cities, discover the charms of beautiful Yangshuo, delightful Dali and quaint Lijiang. And there are plenty of active options so you can hike, bike and see the sights.

28 DAYS FROM









#### Price includes

Most meals (26 breakfasts, 17 lunches & 5 dinners)

- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders worth £200
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- Domestic transportation

Accommodation

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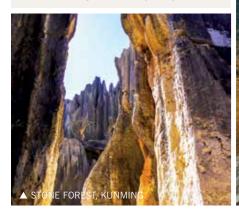
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#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Walk on the Great Wall
- Three nights on the Yangtze
- Face the Terracotta Army
- Enjoy your freedom & choose amazing optional experiences

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#### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO BEIJING

**ITINERARY** 

Fly overnight to Beijing, China's historical capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

# DAY 3: FORBIDDEN CITY AND HUTONGS

Stroll across Tiananmen
Square and into the sprawling
magnificence of the Forbidden
City. Next, visit Yandaixiejie Street
where there's time to wander the
hutongs; these narrow alleys offer
a glimpse of old Beijing. Later,
there's free time to explore. (B,L)

#### DAY 4: HUANGHUACHENG

GREAT WALL AND WANGFUJING
This morning, visit Huanghuacheng,
a particularly scenic section of the
Great Wall, reached by boat and
boasts spectacular views from the
top. Spend the afternoon at leisure
exploring colourful Wangfujing street,
and in the evening enjoy an optional
Peking duck dinner. (B.L)

#### DAY 5: IMPERIAL SUMMER PALACE

Enjoy a relaxed day exploring the beautifully designed grounds of the Summer Palace including the Long Corridor and the Marble Boat. Spend time strolling around pretty Kunming Lake and walk up wooded Longevity Hill. Make a photo stop at the Olympic Park. (B,L)

# DAY 6: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN

This morning, visit the Temple of Heaven and mingle with the locals as they start their day with Tai Chi,

dancing, and cards in a flurry of sociable activity. Take the overnight train to Xian. (B.L)

Watch Giant Pandas play

#### **DAY 7: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS**

Housed in three immense hangars, the ranks of the Terracotta Army stand sentinel in their subterranean necropolis, constructed to protect China's first Emperor. Gaze over the ranks of warriors and horses, while you are introduced to these lifelike soldiers' fascinating story. Take a walking tour of the Muslim Quarter and sample freshly cooked snacks. With the evening free, why not enjoy a cold beer in Defu Lane? (B,L)

#### DAY 8: CYCLING IN XIAN

Start your day with a gentle cycle ride that will take you the nine miles around the wall. This afternoon, visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda. (B,L)

#### DAY 9: BEAUTIFUL GUILIN

Fly to Guilin. Walk around the lakes before enjoying the evening at leisure – you may wish to stroll around Zhengyang Street. (B)

#### DAY 10: HIKING IN LONGJI

Today, there is an option to take a four-hour hike in the stunning rice terraces of Longji. Walk over the fields and enjoy picture-postcard views of the terraces which cover the landscape in intricate patterns. Otherwise, spend more time in Guilin. (B)

#### DAY11: YANGSHUO COUNTRYSIDE

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serenity of life on the riverbanks is a wonderful sight. Take a walk through this idyllic wonderland and get an insight into life here. There's an option to hike to the top of Moon Hill for epic views. (B,L)

#### DAY 12: YANGSHUO TAI CHI

Start the day with an invigorating session of Tai Chi, taking a class with a master to learn this ancient martial art. You may wish to join an optional bamboo rafting trip along the Yulong River or cycle through the countryside for one last tranquil jaunt in Yangshuo. (B)

#### DAY 13: KUNMING AT LEISURE Transfer to Guilin and visit Reed Flute Cave. Fly to Kunming. (B)

#### DAY 14: STONE FOREST

Meander through the formations of the UNESCO-listed Stone Forest, where towering limestone pillars stand treelike in a fascinating illusion of woodland. Return to Kunming to visit Green Lake Park and have an evening at leisure, perhaps enjoying the vibrant Wenhua Alley district. (B,L)

# DAY 15: DALI'S ANCIENT TOWN

Drive to Dali. The rest of the day includes a visit to the Three Pagodas and being immersed in the atmosphere of the fascinating old quarter and lively market. Stroll along Foreigners' Street and explore the many dining options here. (B,L)

# DAY 16: DALI AT LEISURE Take an optional visit to

Weibaoshan, one of the fourteen sacred Taoist mountains. Steeped in legend, the mountain features 20 Taoist temples nestled on its forested slopes. Walk up the hillside to see a handful of these intricately decorated temples, stopping at Qinxia Temple where you will be met by a Taoist priest for a relaxing meditation session. Alternatively, spend the day relaxing in Dali. (B)

#### DAY 17: SHAXI ANCIENT TOWN

Drive to Shaxi Ancient Town, nestled deep in the Himalayan foothills. Learn about the fascinating minority peoples that reside in the area and enjoy a local lunch. In the afternoon, continue to Lijiang and spend the evening in the historic old town. (B,L)

# DAY 18: JADE DRAGON SNOW MOUNTAIN

A magnificent mountain, Jade Dragon Snow Mountain comprises several peaks. Take a cable car to one of the high meadows and enjoy amazing vistas. Visit the minority Baisha Naxi Village and admire the fascinating Baisha frescoes. (B.L.)

#### DAY 19: TIGER LEAPING GORGE

Today's optional mini-trek to Tiger Leaping Gorge takes you through dramatic cliffs and down into the gorge itself. If you don't join the trek, the day is at leisure in Lijiang. (B)

#### DAY 20: CHENGDU LIKE A LOCAL

Fly to Chengdu and walk around People's Park, a hive of activity. See beautiful golden koi, locals dancing and practicing Tai Chi, visit a local teahouse and most interesting of all, Matchmaker's Corner. Later, visit Wide and Narrow Alleys. (B,L)

#### **DAY 21: GIANT PANDAS**

Visit Chengdu's renowned panda base and see these adorably charming creatures up close. The rest of the day is at leisure. You can enjoy an optional hot pot dinner and a 'face-changing' show. (B,L)

#### DAY 22: ANCIENT CIQIKOU

Take the bullet train to Chongqing. Enjoy free time in the charming old town of Ciqikou then board your Yangtze Cruise vessel, home for the next three nights. (B,D)

#### DAYS 23-24: YANGTZE CRUISE A cruise down the Yangtze reveals

some of the world's most dramatic scenery. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 25: THREE GORGES DAM

Visit the Three Gorges Dam, then fly to Shanghai. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 26: SHANGHAINESE SHANGHAI

Wake up to the buzz of Shanghai and take a breakfast walking tour between shimmering skyscrapers and traditional streets. Visit Yu Garden, the old town and the Silk Museum. Cruise down the Huangpu River, and enjoy the neon lights of Pudong. (B.L.)

#### DAY 27: ZHUJIAJIAO AND HUANGPU

Join the optional day tour to delightful Zhujiajiao, or spend more time at leisure, in Shanghai. This evening, enjoy a delicious farewell dinner. (B.D)

#### DAY 28: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

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2019 DATES													
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# **SICHUAN EXPLORER**

Sichuan contrasts markedly from the rest of China, with differing attitudes, cuisine and spectacular landscapes of forest and mountain. Richly endowed with natural and cultural wonders, touring this magnificent province never fails to steal your breath away.

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#### Most meals (13 breakfasts. 12 lunches & 11 dinners)

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- Touring with guides & entrance fees

#### Flight and supplement information

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#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Ascend Mt Emei
- Marvel at Leshan's Buddha
- Visit Pandas at Dujiangyan

## **ITINERARY**

#### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO CHENGDU

Fly overnight to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan province. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

#### DAY 3: LESHAN **GRAND BUDDHA**

Travel to Leshan to see the Grand Buddha. The 71-metre Buddha, the world's largest and UNESCO World Heritage-listed, is carved into a hillside overlooking the confluence of the Dadu and Min Rivers. Completed in the year 803, it is said that the Buddha's presence has calmed the turbulent waters of the river. View the Buddha from above before climbing down the cliff for a close up. A short boat trip will give an even better perspective. Continue to Mount Emei. You'll spend the evening at the foot of the mountain. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 4: EXPLORE MOUNT EMEI

Mount Emei is the cradle of the Buddhist religion in China with the first temple built on its peak in the 1st century. Pilgrims and tourists mix amongst the lush vegetation and inconspicuous old temples, all admiring the striking and diverse natural beauty of the mountain and its setting. Spend the day soaking up the ambience and exploring. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 5: MENGDINGSHAN

Journey to Mengdingshan. Explore the vast stretch of

- Find peace at Mt Qingcheng Explore Nine Villages Valley Meet the Qiang people
- tea bushes and take a tour of a plantation, where you'll be shown the whole process of

#### DAY 6: PINGLE ANCIENT TOWN

producing tea, from plucking the

leaves to brewing the perfect

cup. (B,L,D)

Dating back to the Han Dynasty. Pingle was a stopping point on the Tea Horse Road. Take time to walk through its maze of teahouse-lined streets before seeing the bamboo forest from above on Jinji Suspended Rope Bridge. Drive to Chengdu. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 7: DUJIANGYAN PANDA BASE

Visit one of the world's finest panda conservation centres in Dujiangyan where you'll gain a real insight into the hard work that goes into caring for and boosting the population of this endangered species. The pandas here are kept in conditions very close to their natural habitat. Later, visit the Dujiangyan Irrigation System, an infrastructure constructed in 256BC and still used today to irrigate 5,300 square kilometres of land. (B.L.D)

#### **DAY 8: TAOIST** MOUNT QINGCHENG

Mt Qingcheng is the most important Taoist Holy mountain in China. It is also a truly beautiful spot with numerous peaks covered with lush greenery and secluded temples. You'll be welcomed by a Taoist priest at the Old Master Pavilion

on the summit of Mt Qingcheng. Take the opportunity to speak to him and learn about his religion. You'll also be shown the art of Chinese painting and calligraphy. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 9: NINE VILLAGES VALLEY**

Enjoy the drive through spectacular mountain scenery to Nine Villages Valley, where you'll spend the next three nights. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 10: EXPLORE NINE **VILLAGES VALLEY**

sapphire lakes, verdant forests and rushing waterfalls, Nine Villages Valley (Jiuzhaigou National Park) is considered one of China's most beautiful areas. Named after the nine Tibetan settlements scattered through the valley, the park is a World Biosphere Reserve, full of endemic flora and 140 species of birds. A trip up to the top of the valley to Long Lake, the highest, deepest and largest in the area, offers spectacular alpine views whilst a short walk to Five-Coloured Lake and Nuorilang Falls showcases some of the valley's most beautiful sights. (B.L.D)

#### DAY 11: SHUZHENG VILLAGE Visit Shuzheng Village, the

largest settlement in the park. Spend some time with a local Tibetan family who will give you an insight into daily life in Nine Villages Valley. A lovely afternoon walk takes you from Rhinoceros Lake, passing Tiger Lake ending at Reed Lake - an excellent way to really appreciate the local scenery. You'll pass an old watermill, many prayer wheels and Tibetan prayer flags en route. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 12: HUANGLONG POOLS Travel to of Huanglong Valley,

home to hundreds of vivid pools in striking colours, formed by thousands of years of mineral deposits, tumble gently down through the bright green forests. The whole area is full of beautiful sights and as it is relatively undiscovered, is a pleasure to explore. There is an option to take the chairlift towards Huanglong Temple at the head of the valley for excellent panoramic views,

before we continue to Mao County for an overnight stay. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 13: QIANG MINORITY VILLAGE

Today you will visit a Qiang minority village where you'll be joined by a local elder, who will talk through the history and culture of his people, before visiting a local family. The Qiang people are an ethnic minority group in China with a population of about 326,500. Qiang is actually a Chinese word that translates in English as 'shepherds'. Their customs, architectural style, clothing and religious beliefs are far removed from the western world. Later in the afternoon, drive to Chengdu. (B,L)

#### DAY 14: LOCAL CHENGDU

Spend the morning absorbing the culture of People's Park. People-watching here is an endless pleasure, from the grizzled locals playing mahjong to the lonely singles looking for love in Matchmaker's Corner. Join the locals in an exciting square dancing session. Stop at a local teahouse and wander through the Wide and Narrow Alleys. Visit the Shu Brocade and Embroidery Museum. In the evening, enjoy a delicious Sichuanese hot pot dinner and an optional 'face changing' show. (B,L,D)

# DAY 15: FLY CHENGDU TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day. (B)



#### HONG KONG 2 NIGHTS FROM £310PP

A sophisticated and lively destination, enjoy the sights and sounds of Hong Kong, where Chinese character underlies colonial charms and the gastronomy is varied and delicious

See pages 106-107. Additional flight costs may apply.

#### DEPARTURES - Departing Sunday returning Sunday

2018 DATES									
06 May - 20 May	£2,690	02 Sep - 16 Sep	£2,890	07 Oct - 21 Oct	£2,890				
2019 DATES									
05 May - 19 May	£2,890	01 Sep - 15 Sep	£3,090	06 Oct - 20 Oct	£3,090				

# YUNNAN ADVENTURE

The most wonderfully complex of all China's provinces, Yunnan boasts a rich diversity of people and landscapes. Explore verdant forest and dramatic mountains, archaeological sites and indigenous cultures on this varied adventure.



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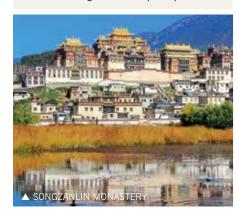
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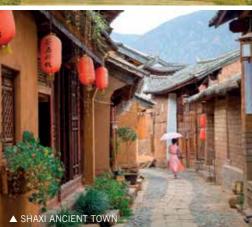
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#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Meet the Bai people
- Meditate on Weibaoshan
- Admire Tiger Leaping Gorge
- Discover the past in Jianshui
- Meet a Shaman master
- Hike Yuanyang's Terraces

#### ITINERARY

#### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO KUNMING

Fly to the relaxed city of Kunming. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

#### **DAY 3: STONE FOREST**

This morning, meander through the formations of the UNESCO listed Stone Forest, where towering limestone pillars stand treelike in a fascinating illusion of woodland. Enjoy a local lunch. Return to Kunming, where you can sample the local delicacy, Across the Bridge Noodles. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 4: TRAVEL TO DALI

Drive to Dali, a charming town that offers a peek into bygone China. Wander the Ancient Quarter and see the magnificent Three Pagodas. (B,L)

# DAY 5: MEDITATION ON A MOUNTAIN

Journey to Weibaoshan, one of the fourteen sacred Taoist mountains. Steeped in legend, the mountain features 20 Taoist temples nestled on its wooded slopes. Walk up the forested hillside to see a handful of these intricately decorated temples, stopping at Qingxia Temple where you will be met by a Taoist priest for a relaxing meditation session. The evening is at leisure. (B,L)

# DAY 6: SHAXI ANCIENT TOWN

Drive to Shaxi Ancient Town, nestled deep in the Himalayan foothills. Learn about the fascinating minority people that reside in the area and enjoy a local lunch. In the afternoon, continue to Lijiang and have some free time to explore the old town, a jumble of cobbled streets, charming wooden buildings and rustic stone bridges. (B,L)

# DAY 7: MEET A SHAMAN MASTER

Jade Dragon Snow Mountain's gorgeous meadows and enjoy amazing vistas of this magnificent mountain. Continue to Baisha Naxi Village and meet a Dongba Shaman who will demonstrate how to write ancient Dongba characters, before you attempt this quirky artform yourself. Sample traditional Naxi cuisine. (B,L,D)

Take a chairlift to one of the

#### **DAY 8: TIGER LEAPING GORGE**

Visit the Black Dragon Pool Park for magnificent views of the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. Travel to Tiger Leaping Gorge – with its backdrop of snow-capped mountains, it is one of China's most extraordinary sights. The whole area is spectacular – prepare for breathtaking views. Continue on to the Tibetan monastery town of Zhongdian, also known as Shangri-La. (B,L,D)



Visit Songzanlin Monastery before embarking on a 2-3 hour walk to Napa Hai. Here, you will be surrounded by towering mountains and lush grasslands that are brimming with flora and fauna. Continue to a rural Tibetan-style village, where you will learn about the villagers' way of life – make butter tea and taste home-cooked dishes. Return to Shangri-La. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 10: EXPLORE SHANGRI-LA

Spend the morning wandering through the town, absorbing its fascinating mix of Tibetan and Han Chinese culture. Also visit Dafo Temple before an afternoon at leisure. (B,L)

#### DAY 11: KUNMING

Fly to Kunming. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

#### DAY 12: TRAVEL TO JIANSHUI

Travel to Tonghai and visit the unique Xingmeng Mongolian village, where the residents wear traditional costumes and keep old customs alive. After a stroll around Tonghai market, continue to the antiquated town of Jianshui for an overnight stay and visit the Confucius Temple, one of the largest in China.

# DAY 13: YUANYANG MARKET

Visit the Zhang Garden before travelling further south to Yuanyang where you can explore the bustling market, full of fresh produce and locals in traditional, colourful costume. (B,L,D)

# DAY 14: YUANYANG RICE TERRACES

Created by the Hani people over hundreds of years, this wide,

watery expanse is a spectacular sight to behold. Described as 'land sculpture' in China, the elements turn the terraces into pools of colour that reflect their

mood, whether it's the reds and

vellows of sunrise or the whites

and greys of a mist settling over

the valley. Hike through the

terraces, visiting Hani ethnic

villages such as Qingkou and

Bada on your way. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 15: LENDUN VILLAGE MARKET

Travel back to Kunming via Lendun Village Market. (B,L,D)

# DAY 16: FLY KUNMING TO UK

Fly back home, arriving the same or following day. (B)



# MACAU 2 NIGHTS FROM £390PP

Discover the former Portuguese colony of Macau, a glittering combination of Mediterranean and Asian influences, where conservative colonial heritage rubs shoulders with brash, Las Vegasesque casinos.

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# HIMALAYAN ADVENTURE

Embark on a journey of extremes, striking across the starkly beautiful landscapes of Tibet, on the roof of the world. Then discover the verdant and chaotic valleys of Nepal under the ever watchful gaze of the mighty Himalayas.

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- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders

Tibet permit conditions are subject to change

#### Flight and supplement information

## Based on London Heathrow departures

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- Land only from £3,790 (Chengdu Kathmandu)
- Single room from £740
- Tipping paid locally RMB 540 (China) & US\$70 (Nepal)

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#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Observe Giant Pandas
- Discover mystical Lhasa
- Cross the Tibetan Plateau

## ITINERARY

#### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO CHENGDU

Fly overnight to Chengdu. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. (D)

#### **DAY 3: GIANT PANDAS**

A visit to Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre allows you to see China's celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Stroll through People's Park to Matchmaker's Corner, where parents come to look for suitors for their children, and visit a traditional teahouse. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 4: LHASA

Fly to Lhasa and acclimatise. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 5: DEBATING MONKS**

Lhasa is a modern city but among the old streets at its core you'll feel a million miles from the modern world. Venture inside Jokhang Temple where queues of people worship in the flickering light of yak butter candles. Wander around the Barkhor with traditionally dressed locals and prostrating pilgrims. There will also be a visit to Sera Monastery to witness the debating monks. This evening, try yak burgers for dinner. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 6: THE POTALA PALACE

The Potala Palace is an architectural wonder towering over the city. The former winter

- Gaze on Mount Everest
- Explore Kathmandu
- Spot wildlife in Chitwan

palace of the Dalai Lama, it houses thousands of rooms filled with old treasures. This evening, enjoy a traditional Tibetan dance performance. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 7: SHIGATSE**

Travel across Tibet's stark plains to Shigatse, Tibet's second city and the traditional home of the Panchen Lama. Take a stroll through the local market and browse the wares on sale. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: TASHILHUNPO

# MONASTERY

Visit Tashilhunpo Monastery, the hilltop complex that is the monastic seat of the Panchen Lama. From here, drive to New Tingri admiring awe-inspiring Himalayan views. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 9: EVEREST BASE CAMP

Rise early to make the final assault across the Gue La to Pasum and Rongbuk, a monastic village festooned in colourful prayer flags. Visit the world's highest post office, then continue to Everest Base Camp, situated under the gaze of Everest's north face, from where the views of the world's highest peak are unsurpassed (weather permitting). (B,L,D)

# DAY 10: GYANTSE KUMBUM Drive to the pleasant town of

Gyantse and visit the famous Kumbum. This fascinating monastery is home to the largest chörten in Tibet – climb it for a sucession of colourful mural-



filled chapels and wonderful views. Stay overnight in the town. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 11: YAMDROK LAKE

Drive back to Lhasa, making a stop to admire the colossal Karuola Glacier, stretching down the side of Mount Simila towards the road; and a stop to admire the breathtaking blue of the sacred Yamdrok Lake, backed by the snowy peaks of the Himalaya. Overnight in Lhasa. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 12: INTO NEPAL

Fly to Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal. Meet your Nepalese guide and transfer to Dhulikhel to see the traditional Nuwari houses and browse the local market. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 13: BHAKTAPUR

Take a visit to Changu Narayan Temple before taking a hike to Telkot through the forest landscapes, admiring the stunning Himalayan scenery. Drive to Bhaktapur and visit the Old Houses before enjoying a traditional Nepalese lunch. This afternoon wander Bhaktapur's cobblestone streets where you'll stumble across many old courtyards, temples and artisans busy at their craft. Visit the Golden Gate and the Palace of 55 Windows on Durbar Square. (B,L,D)

#### DAYS 14-15: POKHARA

Fly to Pokhara. The town sits on the verdant banks of Phewa Lake with virtually uninterrupted views of the majestic Annapurna and Manaslu ranges. Take a walking tour, admiring the views. The next day take a look around the International Mountain Museum. (B,L,D)

#### DAYS 16-17: CHITWAN NATIONAL PARK

Admire the sunrise before departing for Chitwan National Park. A jungle safari delivers you to the Terai, or plains region. Tomorrow, take an early morning nature walk, and visit the elephant stables. Later, enjoy a serene trip down the Rapti River to view the animals on the river banks. Observe an elephant bath and this evening enjoy a traditional Tharu Stick dance performed by local farmers. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 18: DAMAN

Drive to Daman which has one of the most spectacular outlooks over the Himalayan range of anywhere in Nepal. Continue on to Kathmandu (B,L,D)

### DAY 19: LAMA BLESSING

Essentially a suburb of Kathmandu, Patan was once the capital of an independent kingdom, something that is noticeable in its distinctiveness. See the UNESCO World Heritage Royal Palace and the sights of Patan's Durbar Square. Returning to Kathmandu, visit the Bodhnath Stupa and Monastery for a very special Lama blessing. Continue to Pashupatinath Temple. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 20: SWAYAMBHUNATH

Kathmandu is a city of many layers – a modern day assault on the senses, a hub of cultural and artistic heritage and a monument to the medieval era. Today's visits include Swayambhunath Temple, Durbar Square, the Kumari Temple and Thamel Market. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 21: FLY KATHMANDU TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

#### DEPARTURES – Departing Tuesday returning Monday

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08 May - 28 May	£4,490	02 Oct - 22 Oc	£ <b>4,590</b>			
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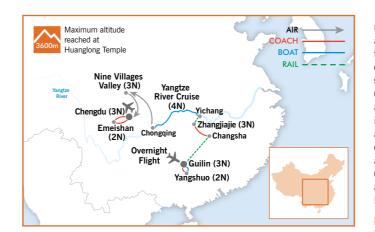
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### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Four nights on the Yangtze
- Cruise on the Li River
- Explore Nine Villages Valley
- View Zhangjiajie's pinnaclesDiscover Buddhist Emeishan
- Visit Pandas at Chengdu

### ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO GUILIN

Fly overnight to Guilin.
Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

## DAY 3: YANGSHUO'S LANDSCAPES

Take a gentle cruise along the Li River to Yangshuo. Lined with dramatic limestone cliffs, the serenity of life on the riverbanks is a wonderful sight. Later, take a walk through this idyllic wonderland and get an insight into life here. There's an option to take a rewarding hike to Moon Hill for beautiful views. (B,L,D)

## DAY 4: TAI CHI & BAMBOO RAFTING

Start the day with a relaxing and invigorating session of Tai Chi, taking a class with a master to learn this ancient martial art. This afternoon, there is an option to go bamboo rafting on the Yulong River. Drift past verdant riverbanks and under ancient bridges as you paddle on the glass-like water. This evening, you have the option of enjoying the magical Liu Sanjie night show. (B.L)

### DAY 5: REED FLUTE CAVE

Drive back to Guilin and spend the afternoon exploring Reed Flute Cave and learning about the South China pearling industry at the Pearl Museum. (B,L,D)

### DAY 6: LONGJI RICE TERRACES

Travel to the iconic Longji Rice
Terraces and head out for a three-hour walk through the traditional
rural landscapes. There are
several viewpoints boasting
picture-postcard views of the
extensive rice terraces that cover
the hillside in intricate patterns.
Drive back to Guilin. (B.L)

### DAY 7: ZHANGJIAJIE

Take the bullet train to Changsha, and drive to Zhangjiajie. (B,L,D)

DAYS 8-9: ZHANGJIAJIE

A scenic area of over 3,000

sandstone pillars, rising from

## misty folds of subtropical forest and cloaked in vibrant

green vegetation, Zhangjiajie's striking beauty is unforgettable. Ravines and gorges, streams and waterfalls and a plethora of endangered plants and animal species complete this idyllic scene. During your time here you will enjoy some beautiful walks, as well as taking a cruise on Lake Baofeng and a visit to Huanglong Cave and Huangshi Village. You'll also see the famous Yuanjiajie Avatar Mountain and Emperor Mountain. (B,L,D)

### DAY 10: YICHANG

Catch the train to Yichang, where you'll board your Yangtze Cruise vessel, home for the next four nights. (B,L,D)

## DAYS 11-13: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

A man-made marvel, The Three Gorges Dam showcases this

massive feat of engineering. But as we cruise upstream, nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery including the Three Gorges themselves. A voyage along China's riverine treasure is a chance to relax and enjoy a slower pace, whilst absorbing extraordinary countryside. Take a side trip to the attractive Goddess or Shennong Stream and enjoy shore excursions to Fengdu or Shibaozhai. (B,L,D)

### DAY 14: FLY TO JIUZHAIGOU

Disembark your cruise vessel and fly to Nine Villages Valley (Jiuzhaigou). (B,D)

### DAY 15: NINE VILLAGES VALLEY

A national park of ragged peaks, sapphire lakes, abundant forests and rushing waterfalls, the Nine Villages Valley (Jiuzhaigou National Park) is considered one of China's most beautiful areas. A trip up to the top of the valley to Long Lake, the highest, deepest and largest in the area, offers spectacular alpine views, whilst a short walk to Five-Coloured Lake and Nuorilang Falls showcases some of the valley's most beautiful sights. Later, enjoy traditional lamb skewers. (B,L,D)

### DAY 16: SHUZHENG VILLAGE

Visit Shuzheng Village, the largest settlement in the park. Spend some time with a local Tibetan family who will give you an insight into daily life in Nine Villages Valley. A lovely afternoon walk takes you from Rhinoceros Lake, passing Tiger Lake ending at Reed Lake — an excellent way to really appreciate the local scenery. You'll pass an old watermill and Tibetan prayer flags en

### DAY 17: HUANGLONG POOLS

route. (B,L,D)

Travel to Huanglong Valley, home to hundreds of vivid pools in striking colours, formed by thousands of years of mineral deposits tumbling gently down through the bright green forests. There is an option to take the chairlift up towards Huanglong Temple at the head of the valley for excellent panoramic views, before catching a flight to Chengdu. (B,L)

### DAY 18: LESHAN GRAND BUDDHA

Travel to Leshan to see the Grand Buddha. The 71-metre Buddha, the world's largest and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is carved into a hillside overlooking the confluence of the Dadu and Min Rivers. Completed in the year 803, it is said that the Buddha's presence has calmed the turbulent waters of the river. View the Buddha from above before taking a short boat trip, which will give you an even better perspective from below. Continue to Emeishan. (B,L,D)

### DAY 19: EXPLORE MOUNT EMEI

Mount Emei is the cradle of the Buddhist religion in China with the first temple built on its peak in the 1st century. Pilgrims and tourists mix amongst the lush vegetation and inconspicuous old temples, all admiring the striking and diverse natural beauty of the mountain and its setting. Spend the day soaking up the ambience and exploring. (B,L,D)

### DAY 20: PINGLE ANCIENT TOWN

Dating back to the Han Dynasty, Pingle was a stopping point on the Tea Horse Road. Take time to walk through its maze of teahouse-lined streets before seeing the bamboo forest from above on Jinji Suspended Rope Bridge. Drive back to Chengdu. (B,L)

### DAY 21: CHENGDU PANDA BASE

Spend the morning visiting the Giant Pandas of Chengdu Panda Base. Here you can observe these adorable creatures lounging, playing and chomping through piles of bamboo in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. This afternoon, absorb the culture at People's Park. People-watching here is an endless pleasure, from the lively locals playing mahiong to the lonely singles looking for love in Matchmaker's Corner. In the evening, enjoy a delicious Sichuanese hot pot dinner and an optional 'face changing' show. (B,D)

### DAY 22: FLY CHENGDU TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

### DEPARTURES – Departing Thursday returning Thursday

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2019 DATES								
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## MONGOLIA & THE NAADAM FESTIVAL

To most, Mongolia is a place of mystery and as remote as they come. This tour is a journey of discovery through the land of Genghis Khan, traversing the endless plains to explore sites of immeasurable natural beauty. Meet the lovely people and get involved in local festivities.

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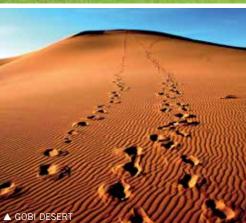
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### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Experience traditional Mongolia Gaze upon Lake Khovsgol at the Naadam Festival
- Explore the Gobi Desert
- Discover Terelj National Park
- Stay in a traditional ger

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO **ULAANBAATAR**

**ITINERARY** 

Fly overnight to Mongolia's capital, Ulaanbaatar. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. (D)

### DAY 3: EXPLORE ULAANBAATAR

Ulaanbaatar is a great place to get an understanding of Mongolia before travelling around the country. Visit the Museum of Mongolian History and the Museum of Fine Art to help put your journey in context. Also discover Gandan Monastery, the largest and most important in Mongolia. (B,L,D)

### DAYS 4-5: GOBI DESERT

Fly to Dalanzadgad which sits on the edge of the legendary and inhospitable Gobi Desert. Transfer to the ger camp near Gurvansaikhan National Park for two nights. You'll spend two days immersed in natural beauty amongst jagged mountains and undulating sand dunes. Visit a local family to learn about their life in the desert. We also hike through the magnificent Yolym Am Gorge. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 6: KHONGORYN ELS DUNES**

Embark on a 4WD adventure to Khongoryn Els and explore Mongolia's largest sand dunes, also known as the 'Singing Sand Dunes'. Enjoy the beauty of these stark landscapes. and for those who are feeling

adventurous, climb to the top for fantastic views. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 7: FLAMING CLIFFS**

Continue exploring the magnificent landscapes of the Gobi Desert before travelling to Bayanzag. Made up of peaks and canyons in a striking fiery red and orange sandstone, the Flaming Cliffs are a spectacular sight. The area is especially important thanks to the vast number of dinosaur fossils that have been found – even the amateur eve can spot them as you wander through the canyon. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 8: ONGIIN KHIID MONASTERY**

Journey to the banks of the Ongii River and view the atmospheric ruins of two monasteries - Barlim Khiid and Khutagt Khiid, which form Ongiin Khiid, formerly one of the largest monastic complexes in Mongolia. (B,L,D) DAY 9: MT KHOGNO KHAN

## Spend the day exploring around

the foot of the imposing Mt Khogno Khan. Set in the beautiful surroundings of a Natural Reserve, discover the remains of 17th century Uvgun Khiid Monastery whilst enjoying the resplendent nature and mountain vistas. (B,L,D)

### DAY 10: KHARKHORIN CITY Mongolia's former capital Kharkhorin is located in a

spot picked by Genghis Khan in 1220. However, the city remained Mongolia's political, cultural and economic hub for

### only 40 years before power DAY 16: LAKE KHOVSGOL TO ULAANBAATAR was transferred to Khanbaliq now modern day Beijing. After Travel through more delightful the collapse of the Mongolian

Empire, the city was abandoned

to the elements and destroyed by

roving soldiers until its remains

were used to build Erdene Zuu

DAY 11: TSENKHER JIGUUR

Lounge in the volcanic hot

springs of Tsenkher Jiguur,

DAY 12: GREAT WHITE LAKE

White Lake, set amongst the

mountain range. The extinct

Khorgo Volcano sits watching

over the lake - hike up to the

crater for wonderful views, or

for bird and wildlife spotting.

Also visit Zayaiin Khuree

DAY 13: JARGAL JIGUUR

lingering in the spectacular

panoramas of Great White Lake

ger camp. Here you can bathe in

DAYS 14-15: LAKE KHOVSGOL

The extraordinary Lake Khovsgol

is known as the Blue Pearl of

Mongolia, a vast body of water

enveloped in dense pine forests

Spend two days surrounded

enjoying the flora, fauna and

incredible scenery. (B,L,D)

by nature in this national park,

and backed by soaring mountains.

before driving to Jargal Jiguur

Spend a little more time

the hot springs. (B,L,D)

Monastery in Tsetserleg

Town. (B,L,D)

walk along the lake shore where

there are excellent opportunities

extinct volcanoes of the Khangai

Enjoy the scenery of Great

surrounded by verdant

today. (B,L,D)

**HOT SPRINGS** 

scenery. (B,L,D)

scenery to the city of Moron, where you will have the afternoon at leisure. Fly to Ulaanbaatar. (B,L,D)

### DAYS 17-18: Khiid, Mongolia's first Buddhist NAADAM FESTIVAL monastery - which we will visit

Spend two days enjoying the revelry of the traditional Naadam Festival. Dating from the times of Genghis Khan, the 'three manly games' have locals taking part in Mongolian wrestling, horse racing and archery. There's also a wealth of pageantry and ceremony in a festival of raucous fun that you'll see nowhere else in the world. (B,L,D)

### DAY 19: TERELJ

NATIONAL PARK Soak up the beautiful alpine scenery of the Terelj National Park. Visit Turtle Rock and take an easy hike up to the Aryabal Monastery, perched on the mountainside. Visit a local family to get a glimpse of their nomadic lifestyle. Spend the night in a ger camp. (B,L,D)

### DAY 20: ULAANBAATAR

Drive back to Ulaanbaatar, visiting the Genghis Khan statue complex en route. (B,L,D)

### DAY 21: BOGD KING PALACE Visit the Bogd King Palace Museum and Zaisan Memorial

Hill. Also pick up some last minute souvenirs at the State Department Store and Cashmere Factory. This evening, watch a traditional folklore performance. (B,L,D)

DAY 22: ULAANBAATAR TO UK Fly back home arriving the same or following day. (B)

### DEPARTURES - Departing Monday returning Monday

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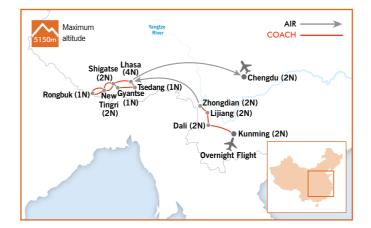












### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Journey to Shangri-La
- Discover Shaxi Ancient Town
- Soak up mystical Lhasa

### ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO KUNMING

Fly overnight to the relaxed city of Kunming, 'the city of Eternal Spring'.

## DAY 3: DISCOVER THE STONE FOREST

This morning, meander through the formations of the UNESCO-listed Stone Forest, where towering limestone pillars stand treelike in a fascinating illusion of petrified woodland. In the afternoon, visit Dianchi Lake and the Western Hills. Returning to Kunming, tuck into local delicacy Across the Bridge Noodles for dinner. (B,L,D)

### DAY 4: TRAVEL TO DALI

Drive to Dali, a charming town that offers a peek into bygone China. Wander the Ancient Quarter and see the magnificent Three Pagodas. (B,L)

## DAY 5: TAOIST MOUNTAIN MEDITATION

Weibaoshan is one of the Taoist religion's most sacred mountains, and has twenty temples dotted on its forested slopes. Take a scenic walk and discover a handful of these temples, stopping at Qingxia Temple where you will meet a Taoist priest who will introduce you to Taoist meditation techniques. (B,L)

### DAY 6: SHAXI ANCIENT TOWN

Drive to Shaxi Ancient Town, nestled deep in the Himalayan foothills. Learn about the

- Explore Tibet's temples
- Cross the Tibetan Plateau
- Gaze on Mount Everest

fascinating minority peoples who reside in the area and enjoy a local lunch. Continue to Lijiang and spend the evening wandering the old town. (B,L)

### DAY 7: JADE DRAGON SNOW MOUNTAIN & DONGBA SHAMAN

A magnificent mountain, the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain soars to 5,500 metres. Taking a chairlift, explore one of the stunning high meadows and enjoy the amazing vistas. Admire the fascinating Ming Dynasty frescoes at Baisha and see the intricate creations of the embroidery school. Next, meet a genuine Shaman who will teach you to write the forgotten language of Dongba Pictograms. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 8: TIGER LEAPING GORGE**

Visit Black Dragon Pool Park for magnificent views of the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. Travel to Tiger Leaping Gorge. With its backdrop of snow-capped mountains, it is one of China's most extraordinary sights.

Continue on to the Tibetan monastery town of Zhongdian, also known as Shangri-La. Visit Dafo Temple and take some free time to explore the old town. (B,L)

### DAY 9: RURAL SHANGRI-LA

Visit Songzanlin Monastery before hiking 2-3 hours to Napa Hai. Here you are surrounded by towering mountains and lush grasslands brimming with flora and fauna. Next, visit a rural Tibetan-style village where you will learn about the villagers' way of life, make butter tea and taste home-cooked dishes. (B,L,D)

### DAY 10: LHASA

Fly to Lhasa, the heart and soul of Tibet. The afternoon is free to relax and acclimatise to the altitude (B, D)

## DAY 11: JOKHANG TEMPLE AND SPIRITUAL BARKHOR CIRCUIT

Lhasa is a quickly growing modern city but among the narrow, old streets you'll feel a million miles from the stresses and strains of the modern world. Wander around the Barkhor Circuit to see traditionally dressed locals, stalls of religious trinkets and prostrating pilgrims. Inside the Jokhang Temple, the devotion is palpable as queues of people worship in the flickering light of yak butter candles. There will also be a visit to Sera Monastery, to witness the debating monks. (B,L)

### DAY 12: POTALA PALACE

The Potala Palace is an architectural wonder, towering over the city from its seat on Marpo Ri (Red Mountain). The Potala, the winter palace of the Dalai Lama, houses thousands of rooms filled with old treasures, from intricate shrines to beautiful frescoes. Next, explore Norbulingka, the summer residence of the Dalai Lama, set in parkland just outside the city. Learn to make delicious momo dumplings and enjoy lunch at Snowland Restaurants (B,L,D)

### DAYS 13-14: SHIGATSE

Travel across Tibet's stark plains to Shigatse. Dominated by a fort reminiscent of the Potala, Shigatse is Tibet's second city and the traditional seat of the Panchen Lama. Take yak butter tea with a local family. The next day, continue by road to New Tingri admiring the awe-inspiring views of the mighty Himalayas as we go. (B,L,D)

## DAY 15: EVEREST BASE CAMP Traverse some of the world's

most incredible scenery, stopping en route at the world's highest post office, with the Himalayas dominating the horizon, as we make our way to Base Camp. Here, situated under the gaze of Everest's north face, the views of the world's highest peak are unsurpassed (weather permitting). Visit Rongbuk Monastery, draped in colourful prayer flags, and stay overnight in the township. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 16: EVEREST SUNRISE**

Rise early to see a glorious sunrise over Everest before returning to New Tingri. (B,L,D)

## DAYS 17-18: SHIGATSE AND GYANTSE

Return to Shigatse where the evening is at leisure. The next day, visit Tashilhunpo Monastery, and join the pilgrims on their evening 'Kora' (circumnavigation) of the monastery. Continue to the pleasant town of Gyantse to visit the Gyantse Kumbum. Visit a traditional folk house for some home brewed 'chang'. (B,L,D)

### DAY 19: TSEDANG

Travel along the Brahmaputra River to Tsedang, called the 'cradle of Tibetan civilisation'. Visit Gangpo Ri. (B,L,D)

### DAY 20: YUMBULHAKANG PALACE

Perched on a hill over the Yarlung River, legend says that the ancient Yumbulhakang Palace was the first building in Tibet and the palace of the first Tibetan king. Continue on to the Chang Chun Monastery and the King's Tombs before returning to Lhasa. (B,L)

### DAY 21: CHENGDU

Fly to Chengdu. The afternoon is at leisure. (B)

### DAY 22: GIANT PANDAS

Visit the famous Panda
Conservation Centre where
you can get up close to China's
celebrated bears in surroundings
that mirror their natural habitat.
Visit People's Park, Matchmaker's
Corner, a teahouse and the Shu
Brocade factory. Tonight, sample
delicious Sichuanese cuisine for
dinner. You will also have the
option to see a 'face-changing'
show. (B,L,D)

### DAY 23: FLY CHENGDU TO UK

Fly back home arriving the same or following day. (B)

### DEPARTURES – Departing Saturday returning Sunday

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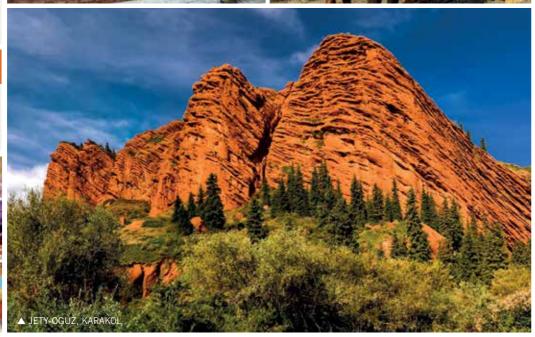
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### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Relax by Tian Chi Lake
- Watch Eagle Hunting
- Discover Kashgar

### **ITINERARY**

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO URUMQI

Fly overnight to the city of Urumqi. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. (D)

### DAY 3: TIAN CHI HEAVENLY LAKE

Escape to the tranquillity of Tianchi Heavenly Lake, a crystal clear body of water formed in a crater. In the evening, fly to the remote city of Kashgar, the heart of the Silk Road. (B,L,D)

## DAY 4: EXPLORE KASHGAR Its skyline punctured by

minarets, Kashgar feels a million miles from anywhere. Although now a modern city, the sights and sounds of Kashgar's streets have remained unchanged for millennia, as it remains as much of an integral trading post as in its Silk Road heyday. Today's visits include Abakh Hoja Tomb, Id Kah Mosque and the atmospheric alleyways around Id Kah Square. (B,L,D)

## DAY 5: TIAN SHAN MOUNTAINS

Cross the border into Kyrgyzstan through the magnificent Tianshan Heavenly Mountains. Making our way over the Torugart Pass to Naryn, stop en route at the 15thcentury caravanserai at Tash Rabat. (B.L.D)

### Uncover Silk Road history

- Browse colourful bazaars
- Explore Bukhara's Ark Fortress

## DAYS 6-7: EAGLE HUNTING AND KARAKOL

Drive to Kochkor Village and watch a Shyrdak (carpet) demonstration. The next day, continue to Karakol via Bokonbayevo village on the shores of Lake Issyk Kul, where the locals will demonstrate their skill at hunting with eagles. (B,L,D)

### DAYS 8-9: EXPLORE KARAKOL Spend the morning soaking up

the atmosphere of the bustling animal market before examining the region's diverse religious influences with visits to the Holy Trinity Orthodox Cathedral and the Chinese mosque. Take an afternoon stroll in Jety-Oguz and through the beautiful Valley of Flowers. The next day, visit the Przhevalsky Museum and Semenov Gorge before driving to Cholpon-Ata. Cruise on Lake Issyk Kul and explore animal petroglyphs etched into glacial stone. (B,L,D)

### DAY 10: ETHNIC ASHU VILLAGE

Walk in the foothills of the mountains and take in the daily way of life in Ashu Village. (B,L,D)

## DAY 11: BISHKEK FOLK PERFORMANCE

POLK PERFORMANCE
Drive to Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan's capital, a city of wide, leafy boulevards which contrast with the Soviet-era architecture. En route, visit the 11th-century Burana Tower, an intricate minaret out in the countryside.



This afternoon, visit Ala Too Square and Oak Park. In the evening, enjoy a traditional folk performance. (B,L,D)

### DAY 12: TASHKENT

This morning, take a leisurely hike in Ala Archa National Park. This evening fly to Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekistan. (B,L,D)

### DAY 13: EXPLORE NUKUS

Fly to Nukus and visit Savitskiy museum before exploring Mizdahkan, an Islamic complex in Hojeli Village. (B,L,D)

### DAY 14: DESERT FORTRESS

Discover the magnificent desert fortress of Chalpik Kala (Tower of Silence), Kizil Kala Fortress, Toprak Kala Fortress, Ayaz Kala and Kyrkkyz Kala. Arrive in Khiva. (B,L,D)

DAY 15: KUHNA ARK FORTRESS
The ancient city of Khiva has
a long and turbulent history as
part of the Silk Road and a slave
trading post. This fascinating
destination is lovely to explore
– wander around the many
medressahs, mosques and
minarets within the ancient city
walls, as well as the magnificent
17th-century Kuhna Ark
Fortress. (B,L,D)

## DAYS 16-18: SACRED BUKHARA

After a day's drive across the

Kyzyl Kum Desert, arrive at the holiest city in Central Asia, Bukhara. Bukhara has been built up over thousands of years, and has an atmospheric old centre and some pre-Soviet era architecture. Spend two days seeing the sights, with visits to the Ark Fortress, Chor Minor, Kalon Minaret, Labi-Hauz Plaza, Bolo Hauz Mosque and the summer residence of the last Bukharan Emirs. (B,L,D)

### DAYS 19-21: SAMARKAND

Perhaps the most notable name in Silk Road history, Samarkand is a UNESCO World Heritage city with an evocative skyline of domes and minarets - it has a mystical presence. Drive to the city via Shakhrisabz, the birthplace of the great historical leader, Tamerlane. Spend two days exploring some of the many historical sites of Samarkand including the Registan, Sher Dor Medressa, the Bibi-Khanym Mosque, Shah-I-Zinda and the Ulugh Beg Observatory. (B,L,D)

## DAY 22: SAMARKAND TO COLOURFUL TASHKENT

Begin the return journey to Tashkent, passing through the impressive Gates of Tamerlane. The afternoon will be spent exploring this eccentric city, visiting the 16th-century Kukeldash Medressa, Kaffal Shashi Mausoleum, Khan Medressa and Khast Imom Complex. Also see the Chorsu Bazaar, a traditional market under a beautiful blue dome, the Crying Mother Monument. (B,L,D)

### DAY 23: TASHKENT

Explore famous sights around Tashkent including the Museum of Applied Arts, 1966 earthquake memorial, Independence Square, Alishedr Navoi Theatre and the Amir Timur Maydoni before exploring Broadway Street. (B,L,D)

### DAY 24: FLY TASHKENT TO UK

Wake early this morning for your flight to the UK arriving the same day. (B)

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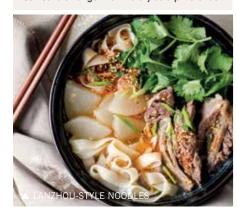
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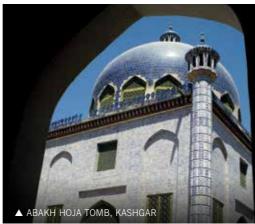
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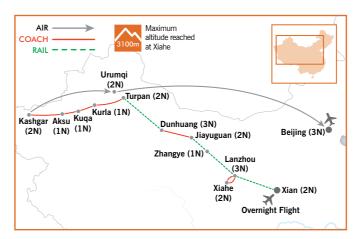












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- Discover colourful Kashgar
- Admire Jiayu Fortress
- Explore Tibetan Xiahe

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### **DAY 3: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS** Housed in three immense

hangars, the ranks of the Terracotta Army stand sentinel in their subterranean necropolis, constructed to protect China's first Emperor in the afterlife. Gaze over the ranks of warriors and horses, each one unique, whilst your guide introduces you to these life-like soldiers' fascinating story. Later, enjoy a gentle cycle ride that will take you the nine miles around the wall past many smiling locals and take a walking tour of the narrow and winding streets of the Muslim Quarter. Sample the delicious, freshly cooked snacks and gain an insight into the city's fascinating culture. (B,L,D)

### DAY 4: TRAIN TO LANZHOU Start the morning with an optional

early visit to the local park to see Xian's residents taking part in Tai Chi and dancing. Visit the Xian Museum and the Little Wild Goose Pagoda. Later, board the train to Lanzhou. (B.L.D)

### DAYS 5-6: EXPLORE LANZHOU

Enjoy a moment of tranquillity at the hilltop Baita Temple and tuck into some delicious Lanzhou-style noodles made with hand-stretched dough. The next

### • See the Flaming Mountains

 Travel overland from Turpan to Kashaar

day, cross Liujiaxia Lake by speed boat and head into the green hills around Liuijaxia to explore the extraordinary Thousand Buddha Caves of Bingling Temple and their wealth of Buddhist murals, statues and sculptures. Also visit the statue of Maitreya (B,L,D)

### DAY 7: TIBETAN XIAHE Conquer the scenic Jishi

Mountain Pass to arrive at Tibetan Xiahe, (B.L.D)

### **DAY 8: LABRANG MONASTERY**

Giving a taste of the mysteries of Tibet, Labrang Monastery is a fascinating maze of prayer wheels, chapels and chortens. Dine on traditional Tibetan food for lunch, including Tibetan dumplings, known as momos. (B,L,D)

### DAY 9: TRAVEL TO ZHANGYE

Return to Lanzhou and take the speedy bullet train to Zhangye, once an important commercial town along the Silk Road. (B,L,D)

### DAY 10: RAINBOW MOUNTAINS

Rise early this morning to witness the sunrise over the kaleidoscopic mountains in Danxia National Park. Return to Zhangye and visit the Giant Buddha Temple before boarding your bullet train to Jiayuguan. (B,L,D)

### DAY 11: GREAT WALL AT JIAYUGUAN

Seen as China's western gateway, Jiayuguan is the perfect place to get to grips with your Silk Road history. Visit the Jiayu Fortress and take a walk on the western extremes of the magnificent Great Wall for panoramic views over the starkly beautiful Gobi Desert. (B,L,D)

### DAY 12: CITY OF SANDS

Drive to Dunhuang. Located on a major trade and cultural crossroads, Dunhuang, known as the 'City of the Sands', sits in a verdant oasis on the edge of the Taklamakan Desert. Visit the Shazhou Night Market, where you can wander amongst the stalls, tasting local snacks. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 13: MOGAO GROTTOES**

A system of temples and sanctuaries, visit the Mogao Grottoes that exhibit wonderful examples of Buddhist paintings and statues that span thousands of years. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 14: SINGING SAND DUNES** Visit Crescent Moon Spring,

nestled amongst rolling sand dunes, and the famous Singing Sand Dunes, a phenomena produced by the wind blowing through the grains. (B,L,D)

### DAY 15: TURPAN

Take the bullet train to Turpan, a lush green oasis set in a barren landscape. An easy-going town famed for its grapes, its pleasant streets are lined with lush vine trellises. (B.L.D)

### DAY 16: EXPLORE TURPAN

Visit the ruins of ancient Jiaohe and the striking red sandstone Flaming Mountains. See elegant Emin Minaret before visiting a typical home in grape valley. Also learn about the fascinating Karez irrigation canals. (B,L,D)

### DAYS 17-20: THE SILK ROAD Over the next four days travel

along the original Silk Road through the Xinjiang Region, viewing ruins and sights largely unvisited by tourists. Travel to Kurla and visit the ruins of the Iron Fortress. The next day, see the ruins of Subashi, arriving in Kuga to visit the old city wall. Also see the Kyzil Thousand Buddha Caves before travelling to Aksu. Arrive in fabled Kashgar the following day. (B,L,D)

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### DAY 22: KASHGAR SUNDAY BAZAAR

Dive headlong into Central Asia's largest bazaar. Within this riot of textures, vivid colours and traditional dress, you can browse hundreds of stalls selling anything from spices and carpets to boots and blenders. Fly to Urumqi. (B,L,D)

### DAYS 23-24: HEAVENLY LAKE

Escape to the tranquillity of Tianchi (Heavenly Lake), formed in a crater. Pay a visit to a Kazakh minority family in their yurt and spend some time with them, learning their way of life. Tonight, enjoy local Uyghur lamb skewers for dinner. The following day, make a short visit to the Xiniiang Museum before flying to Beijing.

### DAY 25: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight - the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate its sheer magnificence. You will have an opportunity to visit a Jade Museum, where you will be able to buy a small handcrafted piece. Jade is revered throughout China, it is said to bring fortune and prosperity to those who wear it. In the afternoon, enjoy the idvllic landscapes of the Summer Palace as you wander through traditional Chinese gardens. (B,L,D)

### DAY 26: IMPERIAL BEIJING

Head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square, and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City where you'll find a complex full of imperial treasures. Soak up the ambience of the Temple of Heaven before visiting Yandaixiejie, where you'll have some free time to wander the hutongs. These narrow alleys offer an authentic glimpse of the old Beijing before the emergence of high-rise buildings and modern commerce Sit down for lunch with one of the families who call the hutongs home. This evening, dine on Peking duck and enjoy a Chinese acrobatic show. (B.L.D)

### DAY 27: FLY BEIJING TO UK

Fly to the UK arriving the same or following day. (B)

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### WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO EXPERIENCE?

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EXCLUSIVE COLLECTION	DAYS	PAGE	GREAT WALL	WARRIORS	PANDAS	YANGTZE	SHANGHAI	GUILIN
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Legends of China	17 days	90	•	•	•	•	•	•

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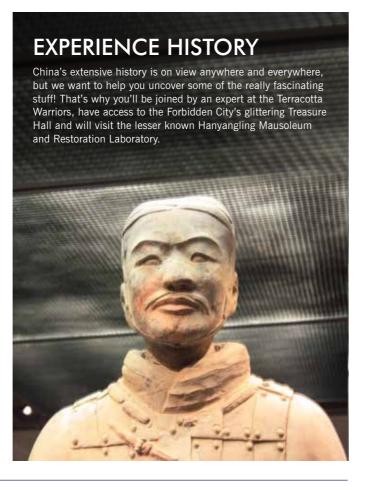




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### The Hilton, Xian

The Hilton is perfectly located in Xian's downtown, with the ancient city walls. Exuding a contemporary elegance, the modern feel is punctuated with traditional Tang Dynasty artworks. Your Executive level room is spacious and sumptuously decorated, and you'll have access to the Executive Lounge – the evening cocktails are a must!

### Ritz-Carlton, Chengdu

In the vibrant heart of the city, the Ritz-Carlton Chengdu blends the unique theme of the city's teahouse culture with thoroughly modern elegance. Rooms boast sumptuous decorations, spacious living areas, full marble bathrooms and exceptional views of downtown. Service is attentive, whilst excellent facilities include a luxurious spa, fitness centre and a range of restaurants, bars and lounges.

### Fairmont Peace, Shanghai

In Shanghai's golden era, the Peace Hotel was the place to be – a lavish art deco edifice that entertained famous clientele with legendary jazz musicians. This 5\* property is perfectly located right on the Bund and full of art deco flourishes and timeless glamour. Your Grand Gold Room will envelope you in an atmosphere of luxury and exclusivity, and includes access to the exclusive Gold Lounge and the accompanying privileges.

### Shangri-La, Guilin

Overlooking the Li River, the elegant five-star Shangri-La Guilin is perfectly located to take in the karst landscapes for which the area is famous. Rooms are well-appointed and spacious, and provide all the modern amenities plus full-size windows to enjoy the views. There are a great choice of restaurants, as well as a health club, complete with gym, indoor and outdoor pools and a luxurious spa.

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Century Cruises are known for operating one of the best fleets on the Yangtze offering exceptional comfort, attentive service and spacious cabins. In addition you will enjoy the exclusive amenity package offering a choice of restaurants (including à la carte dining), pre-dinner drinks, use of the executive lounge, complimentary wi-fi and a welcome fruit basket.

Relax as your Century ship passes through the Yangtze's breathtaking gorges, best viewed from the sundeck, or the observation lounge if you'd prefer to have a drink in hand. Venture off the ship on one of the many shore excursions, take part in cultural activities such as Tai Chi, calligraphy and cooking,



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### DAY 4: CHAMPAGNE ON THE **GREAT WALL**

From the Gobi Desert to the Bohai Sea, the Great Wall stretches thousands of miles. Ride the cable car up the beautiful Mutianvu section, stopping at an ideal spot to enjoy a glass of champagne whilst admiring the views of the Wall as it snakes over craggy peaks. Return to Beijing via the Jade Museum, then take a rickshaw ride through the hutongs where you'll stop for a lesson in calligraphy with a learned scholar. Enjoy a free evening at lively Houhai Lake. (B,L)

### DAY 5: ANCIENT CITY WALLS

Fly to Xian. Walk on the 14th-century walls for an excellent overview of the city. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the facilities of your hotel. This evening. enjoy an optional exuberant and colourful Tang Dynasty dance performance. (B,L)

### DAY 6: THE TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

The Terracotta Warriors are one of the world's most famous archaeological discoveries. View the enigmatic ranks in the company of an expert who works at the site and who will put their story into context. Next, we have exclusively arranged for you to meet the discoverer of the Warriors – learn about the moment they were uncovered by talking to one of the farmers who fortuitously stumbled upon them in 1974. On the way back to Xian, visit the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate Terracotta Warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts. Tonight,

### DAY 7: TRAVEL TO CHENGDU

there is an option to take a city

night tour which includes the

of the Big Wild Goose Pagoda.

dazzling fountain display in front

Explore Hanyangling Mausoleum and visit the restoration laboratory. The artefacts recovered here give a fascinating insight into daily life

during the Western Han Dynasty. Fly to Chengdu, where the evening is at leisure with the option to puzzle over a national secret at the Sichuan Opera – the face-changing art of Bian Lian. (B,L)

### DAY 8: PANDAS WITH AN EXPERT

Visit Chengdu's Panda Centre, where an expert will talk to you about the centre's work and the pandas themselves as you observe these peaceful bears. Stroll through the vibrant People's Park, one of the city's social hubs. Visit Matchmaker's Corner to see parents searching through reams of notices looking for worthy suitors for their sons and daughters before sipping tea in a traditional teahouse. This evening, sit down to the quintessential Sichuanese dining experience hot pot. (B,L,D)

### DAY 9: CRUISE THE YANGTZE RIVER

Transfer to Chongqing and take a relaxed exploration of Cikiqou, a historic district full of traditional architecture with time for your own leisurely lunch. Board your Century cruise ship. (B,D)

### DAY 10: CAPTAIN'S WELCOME The Yangtze has played a pivotal

role in the history, culture and economy of China - this voyage is the perfect way to get an insight into its importance. The first excursion will be to Shibaozhai. a hilltop pagoda beside the river. This evening the captain will host a welcome reception before a lavish dinner is served. (B.L.D)

### DAY 11: DRAMATIC

### YANGTZE GORGES

Prepare for breathtaking vistas as we sweep through the Wu and Qutang gorges before sailing along the scenic Shennong Stream on a sampan to explore further. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 12: THREE GORGES** DAM PROJECT

The Three Gorges Dam is a massive feat of engineering that saw the century-old dreams of Chinese luminaries come to fruition. Created to harness the power of the Yangtze, it is difficult to not be awestruck as you stand on the viewing platform. Also visit the Three Gorges Dam exhibition centre. Disembark and fly to Shanghai. (B,L,D)

### DAY 13: ZHUJIAJIAO **WATER TOWN**

China's attractive water towns exude a rustic charm. The 1,700-year-old Zhujiajiao is a typical example, boasting old stone bridges, woodpanelled houses and numerous atmospheric waterways once used to transport goods. Return to Shanghai, where the afternoon is free. You might like to enjoy an acrobat show or a cruise on the Huangpu River. (B)

### DAY 14: STYLISH SHANGHAI

Walk through the old town and the Yu Garden, a classic example of traditional Chinese gardens. Visit the colonial Bund and the Silk Museum, before admiring the collections of the Shanghai Museum. Enjoy a farewell dinner this evening before toasting the end of the tour with a cocktail at Cloud 9 in Jin Mao Tower, with views of the Pudong skyline.

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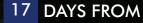
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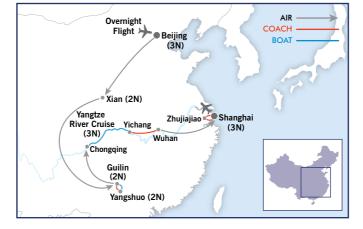












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Begin the day like many locals with gentle exercise, as you partake in a private Tai Chi lesson with a master in the Temple of Heaven Park. Cross vast Tiananmen Square to the Forbidden City – a monument to a dynastic past, the palace served as the home of emperors for 500 years. Your visit includes entrance to the intimate Treasure Hall, a glittering showcase of royal life. Dine on Peking duck and enjoy an optional Kung Fu show. (B,L,D)

## DAY 4: CHAMPAGNE ON THE GREAT WALL

From the Gobi Desert to the Bohai Sea, the Great Wall stretches thousands of miles. Ride the cable car up the beautiful Mutianyu section, stopping at an ideal spot to enjoy a glass of champagne whilst admiring the views of the Wall as it snakes over craggy peaks. Return to Beijing via the Jade Museum, then take a rickshaw ride through the hutongs where you'll stop for a lesson in calligraphy with a learned scholar. Enjoy a free evening at lively Houhai Lake. (B,L)

### Enjoy time at leisure in beautiful Yanashuo

 Step back in time in old Zhujiajiao

### DAY 5: ANCIENT CITY WALLS

Fly to Xian. Walk on the 14thcentury walls for an excellent overview of the city. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the facilities of your hotel. This evening, watch a colourful Tang Dynasty dance performance. (B,L)

## DAY 6: THE TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

View the enigmatic ranks of the Terracotta Warriors in the company of an expert who works at the site and who will put their story into context. Next, we have exclusively arranged for you to meet the discoverer of the Warriors - learn about the moment they were uncovered by talking to one of the farmers who stumbled upon them in 1974. Visit the Xian Art Ceramics and Lacquer Exhibition before returning to the city. Later, study with local dumpling chefs to learn the art of creating these cultural delicacies, before an option to take a city night tour which includes the dazzling fountain display in front of the Big Wild

DAY 7: BEAUTIFUL GUILIN Explore Hanyangling Mausoleum and visit the restoration laboratory. The artefacts recovered here, viewable from the glass walkways above, give a fascinating insight into daily life during the Western Han Dynasty. Fly to Guilin, a city set in dramatic limestone karst landscapes. The rest of the day is free to spend as you wish. (B,L)

Goose Pagoda. (B,L,D)

### DAY 8: CRUISE THE LI RIVER

Cruise the Li River to Yangshuo. The magnificence of the limestone karsts and serenity of life on the riverbanks is a wonderful sight. On arrival, enjoy a delicious dinner before taking your VIP seats for 'Impression Liu Sanjie', a light spectacular that perfectly utilises the karst landscape as a theatre and the Li River as a stage. (B,L,D)

## DAY 9: AT LEISURE IN YANGSHUO

Take a walking tour of Yangshuo's idyllic, karst-studded countryside before a free afternoon to spend as you wish. (B)

### DAY 10: CORMORANT FISHING

Return to Guilin by road. Stop for a photo opportunity on the banks of the Li River and meet a cormorant fisherman. Take a walking tour of the twin Sun and Moon pagodas – set on a calm lake these towers are picturesque and elegant examples of Chinese Buddhist architecture. Enjoy a stroll around Guilin's vibrant West Lake area before visiting the South China Pearl Museum to discover the fascinating 1,700-year history of pearling in the South China Sea. As well as displays and demonstrations there are also beautiful pieces to buy. (B)

## DAY 11: CRUISE THE YANGTZE RIVER

Fly to Chongqing, where you'll visit China's celebrated bear at Chongqing Zoo's dedicated Panda House. Later, board your Century Yangtze cruise ship. (B,L,D)

### DAY 12: CAPTAIN'S WELCOME

The Yangtze has played a pivotal role in the history, culture and economy of China – this voyage is the perfect way to get an insight into its importance. The first excursion will be to Shibaozhai, a hilltop pagoda beside the river. This evening the captain will host a welcome reception before a lavish dinner is served. (B,L,D)

## DAY 13: DRAMATIC YANGTZE GORGES

Prepare for breathtaking vistas as we sweep through the Wu and Qutang gorges before heading up the scenic Shennong Stream on a sampan to explore further. (B,L,D)

### DAY 14: THREE GORGES DAM

The Three Gorges Dam is a massive feat of engineering that saw the century-old dreams of Chinese luminaries come to fruition. Created to harness the power of the Yangtze, it is difficult to not be awestruck as you stand on the viewing platform. Also visit the Three Gorges Dam exhibition centre. Disembark and fly to Shanghai. (B,L,D)

### DAY 15: ZHUJIAJIAO WATER TOWN

China's attractive water towns exude a rustic charm. Visit the 1,700-year-old Zhujiajiao, a typical example boasting old stone bridges, wood-panelled houses and numerous atmospheric waterways once used to transport goods. Return to Shanghai where the afternoon is free. You might like to enjoy an acrobat show or a cruise on the Huangpu River. (B)

### DAY 16: STYLISH SHANGHAI

Walk in the Yu Garden, a classic example of traditional Chinese gardens. Visit the colonial Bund, the Silk Museum and the Old Town, before admiring the collections of the Shanghai Museum. Enjoy a farewell dinner this evening before toasting the end of the tour with a cocktail at Cloud 9 in Jin Mao Tower with views of the Pudong skyline. (B,L,D)

### DAY 17: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

Transfer to the airport for your flight back home, arriving the same or following day. On arrival you will be transported home by chauffeured transfer. (B)

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### 5★ HONG KONG 2 NIGHTS FROM £590PP

A sophisticated and lively destination, enjoy the sights and sounds of Hong Kong, where Chinese character underlies colonial charms and the gastronomy is varied and delicious

Price based on Kowloon, Shangri-la. See pages 106-107. Additional flight costs may apply.

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## CREATE YOUR OWN CHINA

Travelling with your family? Looking for adventure? Keen to tuck into Chinese cuisine? Then you've come to the right place.

The following pages showcase just some of the myriad activities and experiences that we can include on your dream itinerary – it's completely flexible and designed especially for you.

### WHY TAILORMADE?

With a tailormade itinerary you can travel where, when and at the pace you want, for as long as you want. You can pick your accommodation and add all the extras you like, from meals to guides and excursions. You can indulge your interests, whether it's rare plants or Chinese opera, and miss anything that doesn't hold much appeal. You have complete control.

### WHAT WE DO:

Our team of dedicated tailormade China experts will help to design your perfect, unique itinerary, or to tweak one of our group tours, so you can have a holiday that fits all of your wants and needs. On the following pages, you will find a number of example itineraries that will show you exactly the sort of things you can do, themed around family travel, nature-lovers, foodies and so on.

## 1. PERSONAL SERVICE & EXPERTISE

The creation of your perfect itinerary is a combination of your ideas and desires, and our expertise. Your dedicated tailormade consultant will listen to what you are looking for, make recommendations and work with you to create a holiday that fulfils all your wants and needs. They are ready on the end of the line from enquiry to departure, so any questions you have, tweaks you want to make, things you want to talk through, just call.





### 2. INDIVIDUAL TRANSPORT

You can travel around your destination any way you like, be it by bullet train, plane or car, but we will always provide you with your own vehicle and driver to make sure that you get the most out of your time exploring. This way, you can stop where and when you like, linger by that favourite sight a little longer and have complete control over your holiday time.



## 3. LOCAL FLAVOURS

China is home to a wealth of different peoples and cultures, each offering their own character and delicious cuisines. Tasting the local food is a way of getting to the heart of a culture, so we include regional specialities to your itinerary, Peking duck in Beijing for example, but also leave you plenty of space to get out and discover the most flavourful offerings for yourself.

### 4. ACCOMMODATION CHOICES

Accommodation across China ranges from ger camps to modern, five-star luxury. The choice of hotel style and standard is completely up to you. You can just give us the number of stars that you are comfortable with for us to recommend ones that suit your needs and requirements, or you can peruse the wide range of hotel options that we have online and pick the ones that appeal to you most.



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### 5. DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Learning, seeing and experiencing are all part of travel – immersing yourself in a new culture and different way of life are one of its greatest perks. By tailormaking your trip, you can take this a step farther and do something a bit different – a day as a panda keeper, rock-climbing in Hong Kong, or cooking up a Sichuanese feast are just a few of your many options.



### 6. PRIVATE GUIDING

There is no better way to really experience your destination than with your very own local expert. Not only will you learn more about the sights and culture, but will get the inside knowledge on local life. And we only use the best guides, the ones who are both passionate and knowledgeable about their country and have a desire to share it.

## FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Just because you are a family, it doesn't mean it is just beach holidays and camping on your horizon; there is a whole world of experiences out there for you all to share. China is the perfect country to encounter together – whether your kids are 5 or 15, it is easy to have a seriously fun adventure.

These are just a few of the many fun experiences that Wendy Wu Tours can offer the whole family:



### **KUNG FU LESSON**

Kung Fu is said to have originated over 4,000 years ago during the Xia Dynasty. Based on the ideas of Chinese classical philosophy, it is a combination of self-defence and self-discipline. Uncover its mysteries with a lesson for all the family in Beijing. You'll learn the basic concepts and simple techniques and be fighting like Bruce Lee. Jackie Chan and Jet Li in no time!



### **CLUB MED GUILIN**

Set amongst the karst landscapes of the Li River valley, the Club Med is the perfect all-inclusive resort for all the family. 110 acres of grounds include swimming pools, restaurants, a spa, and activities galore! Be Zen in the spa or while practicing yoga – explore the park by bike, try your hand at archery, go rock climbing, play golf and even learn the art of the flying trapeze.



### **GIANT PANDAS**

Meet the iconic Giant Panda in Sichuan Province, where the majority of the wild population live. See them doing what they do best (eating, sleeping, playing) in a setting that mirrors their natural habitat. The most popular of the panda centres is in Chengdu but for something a little different, we can take you to Dujiangyan where you'll have the opportunity to get closer to these amazing creatures.



### SHANGHAI BY SIDECAR

Pootle along Shanghai's bustling thoroughfares in the sidecar of a vintage motorbike, learning the city's unique story from your knowledgeable driver as you go. The atmosphere on Shanghai's streets is always exciting, so riding along them in style, face to the breeze, is a great way to experience the city and see the best sights, for every member of the family.

### EXPERIENCE THE FANTASTIC CLUB MED GUILIN AND MUCH MORE ON THE FOLLOWING ITINERARY:

DAYS 1-2: Depart UK and arrive in Beijing

DAYS 3-5: Beijing: The Great Wall, Forbidden City, Summer Palace DAYS 6-8: Xian: Terracotta Warriors, cycle the city walls,

eat dumplings

DAYS 9-11: Chengdu: Giant Pandas and Sichuanese cuisine

DAYS 12-14: Guilin: Club Med Resort including a range of exciting activities, Li River Cruise

DAY 15: Depart Guilin for UK

Guide price: £13,000 per family

(based on a family of four in two twin share rooms)

## FOR THE HIKER

China is a huge country full of incredible landscapes – what better way to explore them than on foot? Everyone knows it is the best way to get off the tourist trail and have more authentic experiences. For the avid rambler, there are more and more challenging and unique trails springing up all over the country.

These are just a few of the many active experiences that Wendy Wu Tours can offer:



### THE GREAT WALL

There is no better way to discover the Great Wall than a hike along it. This way you get to experience both the restored and unrestored sections and truly appreciate the contrasting, dramatic scenery that it winds through. Hiking from Jinshanling section to Gubeikou section offers four to five hours of epic challenges and awe-inspiring rewards.



### HUANGSHAN

Long the inspiration for artists and poets, Huangshan is gaining in popularity for its excellent, challenging hiking trails, that wind among, around and over the rugged, granite peaks. The epitome of Chinese landscapes, there is no better way to explore the area, and escape the crowds of admirers to find some inspiration of your own.



### **LONGJI RICE TERRACES**

An area of spectacular terraced rice paddies, Longji, or Dragon's Backbone, is like a giant undulating staircase stretching across the steep hillsides. Meet ethnic minority communities, stay in mountain villages and prepare for ever more breathtaking views. Hiking here can be whatever you make it – you can walk for several hours or go for several days!



### THE DRAGON'S BACK, HONG KONG

Perhaps surprisingly, Hong Kong is criss-crossed by spectacular hiking trails. Tramp the Dragon's Back trail, passing along Dragon's Back ridge to Big Wave Bay, through some of Hong Kong's finest nature. Along the route, you'll find yourself awestruck by some of the world's finest urban panoramas and views over Hong Kong's dramatic coast

### WHY NOT ENJOY THESE EXPERIENCES ON THE FOLLOWING ITINERARY:

DAYS 1-2: Depart UK and arrive in Shanghai

DAYS 3-4: Shanghai: The Bund, Old Town, Pudong

DAYS 5-6: Huangshan: hiking

DAYS 7-8: Beijing: Great Wall hike, Forbidden City & Summer Palace

DAYS 9-10: Xian: Terracotta Warriors, cycle the city walls, eat dumplings

DAYS 11-13: Chengdu: Giant Pandas, Emeishan

DAYS 14-16: Guilin: Li River Cruise, Longji Terrace hike
DAYS 17-19: Hong Kong: Dragon's Back hike, Lantau Island, Victoria Peak
DAY 20: Depart Hong Kong for UK

Guide price: £4,090 per person (based on two sharing a twin room)

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## FOR THE FOODIE

Food is a gateway into the culture of a nation, and in China, where every province has its own style of cooking, spicing and ingredients, this is particularly poignant. For the adventurous eater who'll nosh on anything there are plenty of exciting delicacies to keep your taste buds tingling.

These are just a few of the many tasty experiences that Wendy Wu Tours can offer the foodie:



### BREAKFAST TOUR, SHANGHAI

Join the Shanghainese on their morning routine as you wander through the colourful Shanghai concessions, stopping at street stalls and popular local spots to breakfast on typical and delicious morning treats. Taste such delights as pancakes, fried bread sticks, steamed buns and tofu, the perfect way to keep your appetite at bay as you explore.



### COOKING CLASS, SICHUAN

The flavours and intricacies of Sichuan cuisine have earned provincial capital Chengdu the title of UNESCO City of Gastronomy. Spend a day learning the secrets and techniques needed to prepare some of Sichuan's most delicious delicacies, using fresh, local produce and typical ingredients to achieve that intense, pungent spice. The best part? You get to eat it all at the end!



### MUSLIM QUARTER FOOD TOUR, XIAN

Islam arrived in Xian along the Silk Road, bringing with it a wealth of taste sensations that are still cooked and devoured in the city's Muslim Quarter today. Combining typically Chinese elements with the spices and flavours of the Middle East, choose to try dishes such as rose and osmanthus rice cakes, tahini noodle salad, and sweet and salty Muslim pastries.



### DIM SUM, HONG KONG

Served as brunch or lunch, dim sum is a Hong Kong culinary institution. Choose from a packed menu of steamed, pan fried, deep fried and baked bites, such as steamed buns and dumpling, all washed down with rounds of fragrant tea. There are a huge number of places to enjoy the tradition in the city, from high-end to fast food – just let us know what kind you'd like to try.

### WHY NOT ENJOY THESE EXPERIENCES ON THE FOLLOWING ITINERARY:

DAYS 1-2: Depart UK and arrive in Shanghai

DAYS 3-4: Shanghai: breakfast tour, The Bund, Old Town, Pudong

DAYS 5-7: Beijing: Great Wall, Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven

DAYS 8-9: Xian: Terracotta Warriors, Muslim Quarter food tour

DAYS 10-11: Chengdu: Giant Pandas, cooking class

DAYS 12-15: Hong Kong & Macau: Hong Kong Island, Macau, Dim Sum

DAY 16: Depart Hong Kong for UK

Guide price: £3,790 per person (based on two sharing a twin room)

## FOR THE ANTIQUARY

As the world's oldest civilisation, China has a wealth of rich heritage dating back thousands of years. Dig deeper into millennia of upheaval, conflict and golden eras, exploring age-old traditions and cultural quirks. We can even provide you with expert guides to fill you in on all the historical detail.

These are just a few of the many experiences that Wendy Wu Tours can offer the avid historian:



### **BEIJING OPERA**

A form of traditional Chinese theatre and extremely popular at the imperial court of the Qing Dynasty, Beijing Opera combines music, mime, dance, acrobatics and vocals. Considered a national treasure, an opera is a feast for the eyes, with elaborate costumes and stylistic, symbolic movements layered with meaning, making each an art form in its own right.



### LONGMEN GROTTOES, LUOYANG

Along the bank of the Yi River is the largest and most impressive collection of Buddhist art in China, spread between 1,350 limestone caves. Thousands of intricate carvings of Buddha reside here, some with the remnants of once bright colours still clinging to them. Begun in the year 492AD and added to for the following 500 years, Longmen will impress even the most harden historian.



### WARRIORS WITH AN EXPERT, XIAN

One of the world's greatest archaeological discoveries they may be, but there is still much mystery surrounding the Terracotta Army of Qin Shi Huang. Start to unravel the myth and legend and tour the museum with an expert working on the site who will be able to answer questions about the warriors themselves, their purpose and the ongoing work on the site.



### **EMEISHAN**

One of four sacred Buddhist mountains, Emeishan was the site of the very first Buddhist temple in China. Swathed in forest and dotted with fascinating old temples – Wannian Temple is the oldest at 1,100 years old. Wander among the rich, cultural heritage, joining groups of pilgrims as they climb – you can even spend the night in one of the many peaceful monasteries.

### WHY NOT ENJOY THESE EXPERIENCES ON THE FOLLOWING ITINERARY:

DAYS 1-2: Depart UK and arrive in Beijing

DAYS 3-5: Beijing: Great Wall, Forbidden City, Summer Palace, Beijing Opera

DAYS 6-7: Luoyang: Longmen Grottoes

DAYS 8-9: Xian: Terracotta Warriors with an expert, city walls, Muslim Quarter

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DAYS 10-13: Sichuan: Pandas, Leshan Buddha, Emeishan

DAYS 14-17: Yunnan: Kunming, Lijiang, Dali

DAY 18: Depart Kunming for UK

Guide price: £4,290 per person (based on two sharing a twin room)

## FOR THE GARDENER

China is home to a wealth of horticulture highlights. Whether your interest is gardens themselves or you harbour a dream of following in the footsteps of the great botanical explorers, there is much to discover here, a country that is home to one eighth of the world's plant species.

These are just a few of the many botanical experiences that Wendy Wu Tours can offer:



### **SUZHOU**

Suzhou is home to China's most impressive classical gardens, nine of which are UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Meticulously designed to encompass elegance and high culture, these masterpieces of classical Chinese garden perfectly express the harmony that exists between nature and man. Explore the best known, the Humble Administrator's and Master of the Nets at the very least.



### JADE DRAGON SNOW MOUNTAIN

Follow in the footsteps of famous botanist and explorer Joseph Rock and ascend by cable car to the heights of the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. The mountain is home to a wealth of rare wild plants, including medicinal herbs; in fact about one fourth of all of China's plant species can be found here. Spruce Meadow is a particularly good area to botanise.



### **KUNMING BOTANICAL GARDENS**

The garden of the Kunming Institute of Botany, the Kunming Botanical Garden, covers 44 hectares and is home to thousands of species of native plant, making it the perfect introduction to the flowers, herbs, trees and plants of Yunnan Province. Collections include an arboretum, herbs, endangered species, aquatic and ferns.



### **NINE VILLAGES VALLEY**

Encircled by snow-capped peaks, the Nine Villages Valley is a magnificent national park of blue-toned lakes, rushing waterfalls, and thick forest. It is also full of wonderfully diverse flora and fauna – over 2,500 recorded plant species and 150 tree species. Explore primeval forest, a virgin stretch of wild flora and soak up the exceptional natural beauty of the area.

### WHY NOT ENJOY THESE EXPERIENCES ON THE FOLLOWING ITINERARY:

DAYS 1-2: Depart UK and arrive in Shanghai

DAYS 3-5: Shanghai: Suzhou, Hangzhou

DAYS 6-8: Guilin: cruise to Yangshuo

DAYS 9-12: Yunnan: Kunming Botanical Gardens, Lijiang, Jade

Dragon Snow Mountain

DAYS 13-14: Chengdu: Pandas

DAYS 15-17: Nine Villages Valley
DAY 18: Depart Chengdu for UK

Guide price: £4,590 per person (based on two sharing a twin room)

## FOR THE ADVENTURER

China's epic landscapes offer nothing but excitement. Here it's easy to get the heart pumping with a range of action-packed expeditions. Whether it's land, air or water, your adrenaline rush of choice can be catered for, usually in a destination that also provides a splash of culture and spectacular nature too.

These are just a few of the many adventurous experiences that Wendy Wu Tours can offer:



### **ROCK CLIMBING, HONG KONG**

Hong Kong has plenty of dramatic scenery, so it may not come as a big surprise that rock climbing is becoming a big pastime here with rock faces suitable for all levels. Some of the best place to climb include the country parks of Lantau and Shek O, as well as Kowloon Peak and Lion Rock – some are so close to the city that you'll be able to see the glint of the skyscrapers as you climb.



### RAFTING, YANGSHUO

Whilst not edge-of-you-seat stuff, rafting through the incredibly beautiful countryside around Yangshuo is still a fun and adventurous way to explore. Drifting on a bamboo raft down the Yulong River, on a ride that can last from half an hour to five hours, you'll be struck by the peace and tranquillity of this small patch of rural China, watched over by its towering karst peaks.



### BUNGEE JUMPING, MACAU

The ultimate adventure activity, ascend the Macau Tower to experience the world's highest bungee jump. Leap from a platform 233 metres up, freefalling about 200 metres before you bounce back up on the specially designed bungee cord. As well as also being able to do a night bungee, there is also SkyJump, SkyWalk and Tower Climb, all heart pounding activities at dizzying heights.



### MOUNTAIN BIKING, YUNNAN

With some of China's most magnificent landscapes, Yunnan Province is the perfect place to explore China's great outdoors, and is a mountain biker's dream. It is possible to navigate some seriously spectacular scenery, from high-mountain passes to alpinesque lakes and forests, as well as getting an insight into some of the many minority cultures that call this province home.

### WHY NOT ENJOY THESE EXPERIENCES ON THE FOLLOWING ITINERARY:

DAYS 1-2: Depart UK and arrive in Hong Kong

DAYS 3-5: Hong Kong: Hong Kong Island, Lantau, rock climbing

DAYS 6-7: Macau: Senado Square, Guia Fortress, bungee jump

DAYS 8-10: Guilin and Yangshuo: hiking, bamboo rafting

DAYS 11-14: Yunnan: Tiger Leaping Gorge, Jade Dragon Snow Mountain, mountain biking

DAY 15: Depart Kunming for UK

Guide price: £4,190 per person (based on two sharing a twin room)

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## **GREAT WALL HIKE** EXTENSION



DAYS

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Awe-inspiring Great Wall Stunning rural scenery
- Superior £600 £1,070

- Two nights' accommodation
- Meals as listed
- Private touring as stated with an English-speaking guide
- Transportation as stated

Please note: Walking boots and poles are recommended for this hike, underfoot, the pathway is rocky and largely unmaintained.



### DAY 1: ARRIVE BEIJING

On arrival in Beijing, you will be met by your local guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free at your leisure.

### DAY 2: GUBEIKOU – JINSHANGLING HIKE

This morning, you will transferred to the Gubeikou section of the Great Wall, much less frequented by tourists than other parts. From here, you will start your hike to the Jinshanling Great Wall, you will be walking for approximately 5 to 6 hours over a distance of 10km. Both Jinshanling and Gubeikou are rough and wild sections of the Great Wall and afford some of the best views in China. You will wind your way through wooded countryside and over dramatic hills. The walk intersects a military base, and will take a detour off the

wall around the base, stopping at a farmhouse for a lunch of homecooked dishes. Finishing vour hike, vou will be transferred to Gubei Watertown for your overnight stay. (B,L)

### DAY 3: GUBEI WATERTOWN

This morning, you can rise by cable car onto the Simatai section of the Great Wall and enjoy spectacular views as the sun rises. Much of Simatai Great Wall has not been restored and is fantastic insight into years gone by. Spend time soaking up the breathtaking views and exploring the wall with its many watchtowers. Alternatively, spend the morning discovering the delights of Gubei Watertown which is built in the style of a Chinese ancient town. After lunch you will return to your hotel in Beijing. (B,L)

## **SUZHOU &** HANGZHOU **SHORT STAY**



### HIGHLIGHTS

- Inspiring gardens of Suzhou
- · Cruise on the Grand Canal
- Hangzhou's Picturesque West Lake

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Prices are fro	m per person, b	ased on low season*
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	£740	£1,390
Superior	£800	£1,520
Deluxe	£990	£1,740

- Four nights' accommodation
- Meals as listed
- Private touring with an English-speaking guide
- Transportation as stated



### DAY 1: TRAVEL TO SUZHOU

This morning, you will be met at your Shanghai hotel and transferred to Suzhou, a town famous for its traditional landscaped gardens known as the 'Venice of the East'.

### **DAY 2 EXPLORE SUZHOU**

Visit the Master of the Nets Garden and see the inner garden with its 'master's study' of Ming style furnishings and architecture. Next, wander around the Humble Administrator's Garden, with its many ponds, bridges and islands of bamboo, before cruising along a section of the Grand Canal. (B,L)

### DAY 3 DRIVE TO HANGZHOU

Travel to Hangzhou, which is renowned for its beautiful natural scenery. Visit the local markets and experience oriental tea-tasting. (B,L)

### **DAY 4 DISCOVER HANGZHOU**

Visit the Temple of Inspired Seclusion and the Six Harmonies Pagoda before enjoying a relaxing cruise on the tranquil West Lake. (B,L)

### DAY 5 DRIVE TO SHANGHAI

Leave Hangzhou and travel to the cosmopolitan city of Shanghai. Upon arrival at your Shanghai hotel your arrangements

## LHASA **SHORT STAY**



DAYS

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Impressive Potala Palace
- Wander the Barkhor Circuit
- Holy Jokhang Temple

Prices are fro	om per person, b	ased on low season*
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Superior	£900	£1,650
Deluxe	£1,100	£2,050

- Three nights' accommodation
- Meals as listed
- Private touring with an English-speaking guide
- Transportation as stated



### DAY 1: ARRIVE IN LHASA

Arrive in Lhasa and transfer from the airport to your hotel. Spend the rest of the day at leisure to allow for acclimatisation.

### **DAY 2: SACRED LHASA**

Sightseeing in Lhasa today includes a stroll around Barkhor Square where traditional dress, market stalls selling religious trinkets and the sound of chanted prayers by locals and pilgrims create the atmosphere of a medieval carnival. You will also visit the 7th century Jokhang Temple, which is the most

sacred in Tibet and the Sera Monastery, which has about 600 monks in residence. (B,L)

### DAY 3: POTALA PALACE

Explore the 'crown jewel' of Tibet – the Potala Palace. The palace is an architectural wonder that towers over the city with thousands of rooms filled with treasures such as intricate shrines and beautiful frescoes. We also visit Norbulingka, the former summer palace of the Dalai Lama, containing several palaces and chapels. (B,L)

### **DAY 4: DEPART LHASA**

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

## HUANGSHAN **SHORT STAY**



DAYS

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Spectacular views from Mt Huangshan
- Explore the ancient town of Tunxi
- · Visit a charming historical village
- Travel by super-fast bullet train

Prices are fro	om per person, b	ased on low season
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Superior	£850	£1.190

- Three nights' accommodation
- Meals as listed
- Private touring with an English-speaking guide
- Transportation as stated

Please note: Walking boots are recommended for the Huangshan walk, underfoot, the pathway is rocky and largely uneven.



### DAY 1: TRAVEL TO TUNXI

Transfer from your Shanghai hotel to the railway station and take the bullet train to Tunxi, the gateway to Huangshan Scenic Area, and stay overnight in the town.

### **DAY 2: HUANGSHAN**

In the morning, travel to the base of Huangshan, the 'Yellow Mountain', and take a cable car ride to the summit. Upon arriving at top of the mountain, you can enjoy the mesmerising scenery from different viewing platforms on your walk to your hotel. (B,L)

### **DAY 3: HUANGSHAN & TUNXI**

You may wish to rise early this morning to experience the sunrise over Huangshan, truly a

sight to behold. Later in the morning, take the cable car down and return to Tunxi for a short walking tour of its Old Street, lined with shops selling Chinese paintings, calligraphy brushes, souvenir and local products. (B,L)

### DAY 4: HONGCUN & SHANGHAI

This morning, visit Hongcun, a historical village dating back to the Ming and Qing dynasties. Hongcun boasts well-preserved traditional Chinese architecture, from the arched bridge crossing the pond to the village entrance, Chengzhi Hall to the courtyard houses. Moon Pond and Reflecting Pond are great places for photo opportunities. Later, return to Tunxi for your bullet train journey to Shanghai. (B,L)



### **KOWLOON HOTELS**



### EATON, KOWLOON ★★★★

In the heart of Kowloon, close to Temple Street and the Jade Market, the Eaton's rooms are coolly contemporary with dark woods and great views. Drinks by the rooftop pool or a free tai chi class are perfect to unwind; and there are seven bars and restaurants to choose from



### HARBOUR GRAND KOWLOON ★★★★+

For those who like comfort and functionality with their luxury, the Harbour Grand's spacious rooms with floor to ceiling windows, some with harbour views are perfect. The glass-walled pool, range of international restaurants and half hourly shuttles to Tsim Sha Tsui add to the appeal.

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### THE LANGHAM, KOWLOON ★★★★

Located at the heart of the Tsim Sha Tsui shopping district, the Langham exudes a timeless elegance. Boasting a three Michelin-starred restaurant, a roof-top pool and luxurious accommodation, the Langham's personalised service is one of many things that will make your stay here perfect.



Overlooking Victoria Harbour, it is not only the Shangri-La's excellent location that makes it an excellent choice, but also its modern style and outstanding service. Rooms offer city or harbour views from their huge windows and there are eight restaurants, a health club and pool to enjoy.

### HONG KONG ISLAND HOTELS



### DORSETT, WAN CHAI (COSMOPOLITAN) \*\*\*

Perfectly located next to the Happy Valley Racecourse, the Dorsett offers bright and airy rooms decorated in a series of elegant themes. Just 10 minutes stroll from Causeway Bay MTR station, a free shuttle serves the most popular spots close by.



### KOWLOON SHANGRI LA ★★★★

### ISLAND SHANGRI-LA ★★★★★

This beautiful hotel towers 56-storeys above the Central district of Hong Kong Island. Described as an urban sanctuary, rooms are elegant with Asian accents. It has eight restaurants, one of which has two Michelin stars and facilities including a spa, pool and gym.

## HONG KONG GLIMPSES



**NIGHTS FROM** 



£310

This fleeting visit to Hong Kong features all of the highlights of this vibrant city, including panoramic views from Victoria Peak and the quaint Aberdeen fishing village. Also take some time to relax and explore the city's foodie scene.

### DAY 1: ARRIVE HONG KONG

Arrive in Hong Kong and transfer from the airport to your hotel, the famous skyline growing bigger and more impressive as you approach the city proper. The rest of the day is at leisure to begin your explorations.

### DAY 2: HONG KONG TOUR

Fill up on a hearty breakfast before hopping on a coach to see the sights of the city. Spending half a day touring Hong Kong Island you will visit Stanley Market, head up Victoria Peak for fantastic

views and see a quainter side of Hong Kong life at Aberdeen fishing village. Here there is an option to take a sampan ride (at your own expense) to get a closer look at the numerous fishing vessels. The rest of the day is free to continue your own explorations. (B)

### DAY 3: DEPART **HONG KONG**

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before checking out of the hotel. The rest of the day is free to spend as you wish before transferring back to Hong Kong airport. (B)







Prices per person from		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
4★ - Dorsett Wan Chai	£310	£170
4+★ Harbour Grand Kowloon	£390	£220
5★ - Kowloon Shangri-La	£590	£350

### Flight supplements may apply

- · 2 nights accommodation
- Airport transfers
- Touring as specified
- Local English speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as stated

## HONG KONG IN FOCUS



**NIGHTS FROM** 



£510

Designed to show you two aspects of life in the city, tour the best bits of Hong Kong Island before discovering the natural beauty of Lantau, Hong Kong's largest island, with time to spend exploring as you wish.

### DAY 1: ARRIVE HONG KONG

Arrive in Hong Kong and transfer from the airport to your hotel, the famous skyline growing bigger and more impressive as you approach the city proper. The rest of the day is at leisure to begin your explorations.

### **DAY 2: HONG KONG TOUR**

Spend half a day touring Hong Kong Island by coach visiting Stanley Market, heading up Victoria Peak for fantastic views and seeing a quainter side of Hong Kong life at Aberdeen fishing village. Here there is an option to take a sampan ride. The rest of the

day is free to continue your own explorations. (B)

A full day coach tour will see you taking in the sights of Lantau Island. Visit Cheung Sha Beach, Tai O Fishing Village. Po Lin Monastery and its serene giant Buddha. Po Lin serves delicious vegetarian food which you will enjoy for lunch before soaring over the island on the Ngong Ping Cable Car. (B,L)

### DAY 4: DEPART HONG KONG

The day is free to spend as you wish before transferring back to Hong Kong airport. (B)







Prices per person from					
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT			
4★ - Dorsett Wan Chai	£510	£250			
4+★ - Harbour Grand Kowloon	£680	£340			
5★ - Kowloon Shangri-La	£910	£520			

### Flight supplements may apply

- 3 nights accommodation
- Airport transfers
- Touring as specified
- Local English speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as stated

## MACAU **STOPOVER**

Across the Pearl River Delta from Hong Kong, Macau boasts a blend of culture and casinos. This former Portuguese enclave, that pre-dates Hong Kong by 300 years, mixes Mediterranean style with Chinese traditions, creating a unique and fascinating atmosphere. This is also the only place in China where gambling in legal and there are plenty of glistening casinos and resorts to choose from.



### **MACAU HOTELS**



### HOTEL ROYAL, MACAU ★★★★

Situated in the heart of Macau, the newly refurbished Hotel Royal Macau is located close to many of Macau's historical buildings and the spectacular Guia Fortress. This hotel has a Portugese and Shanghainese restaurant, as well as an indoor heated pool.



### GRAND EMPEROR ★★★

Within walking distance of the Ruins of St Paul's, the Grand Emperor Hotel boast a central location on the Macau Peninsula and offers a touch of luxury, with a dazzling gold lobby, contemporary guestrooms and a plethora of dining options.



### HOLIDAY INN MACAU ★★★★

Located in the heart of Cotai, the Holiday Inn Macau is a contemporary resort offering premier service. Located on the iconic Cotai Strip, the hotel complex provides a wide selection of shopping and entertainment options and a sophisticated outdoor pool.



### METROPARK HOTEL, MACAU ★★★★

Positioned within minutes of Macau's Mediterranean inspired Senado Square, the Metropark Hotel is located in the enviable downtown district. Equipped with swimming pool, Jacuzzi and gymnasium, this comfortable hotel has all the mod-cons.



### CONRAD MACAU ★★★★

Situated on the glitzy Cotai Strip, the Conrad Macau is a world-class contemporary luxury resort offering light and spacious accommodation. Remember to take advantage of the wide-range of restaurants specialising in Chinese, Japanese and western cuisine



### SOFITEL MACAU AT PONTE 16 ★★★★

Boasting spectacular views across the Xi River, the Sofitel Macau at Ponte 16 is the pinnacle of glamour. Each room is inspired by a fusion of French and Macanese styles, furnished with MyBed mattress, LCD TV and L'Occitane bathroom amenities.

### **MACAU**



**NIGHTS FROM** 



£390

From the historical to the modern, from the religious to the glitzy, Macau's rich portfolio of sights and attractions makes it an excitingly diverse destination. An intricate tapestry of Mediterranean and Chinese architecture, cuisine and cultures, a journey through Macau is like crossing two distinct countries.

### DAY 1: HONG KONG TO MACAU

Transfer by coach to the ferry terminal in Hong Kong for your ferry to Macau. Upon arrival, take a coach tour around the Macau Peninsula. Start with a visit to the Ruins of St Paul's. a UNESCO World Heritage Site dating back to the 17thcentury. Next visit the Taoist A-Ma Temple and sections of the Old City walls. Then, continue to the Museum of Macau and the thrilling heights of Macau Tower before trying your luck at the casino. Return to the pier where you will take a shuttle bus to your hotel. (L)

### DAY 2: MACAU

Enjoy a day at leisure to further explore the exciting former Portuguese colony of Macau. Perhaps check out the 17th-century Portuguese Guia Fortress, or learn about Macau Formula Three at the Grand Prix Museum, or maybe take this opportunity to enjoy a cocktail at one of Macau's many casinos. (B)

### DAY 3: DEPART MACAU

After checkout, transfer to the Macau Pier by shuttle bus for your ferry directly to Hong Kong International Airport. (B)



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Prices per person from		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
4★ Hotel Royal	£390	£160
4★ Holiday Inn Macau	£450	£170
5★ Sofitel Macau at Ponte 16	£550	£260

### Flight supplements may apply

- · 2 nights accommodation
- Airport transfers & ferry tickets
- Touring as specified
- Local English speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as stated

## **HONG KONG & MACAU**



**NIGHTS FROM** 



£690

Combine a visit to the cosmopolitan vibrancy of Hong Kong with an exploration of the colonial culture of Macau. These two cities, both boasting an intriguing collision of European and Chinese influences, offer a great diversity of sights.

### DAY 1: HONG KONG

On arrival into Hong Kong Airport, be met by your driver and take a coach to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAY 2: HONG KONG

Enjoy a half day coach tour of this fascinating city. Start by travelling up Victoria Peak for panoramic views of Victoria Harbour and the Hong Kong skyline. Next. browse the stalls at Stanley Market before seeing traditional fishing junks at the Aberdeen fishing village. This afternoon is at leisure. (B)

### DAY 3: TRAVEL TO MACAU

Transfer by coach to the ferry terminal in Hong Kong for your ferry to Macau. Upon

arrival in Macau, take a coach tour around the Macau Peninsula, visiting the Ruins of St Paul's, A-Ma Temple and sections of the Old City Walls. Next, continue to the Museum of Macau and Macau Tower before trying your luck at the casinos. Return to the pier where you will take a shuttle bus to your hotel. (B,L)

### DAY 4: MACAU

Enjoy a day at leisure to further explore the former Portuguese colony of Macau. (B)

### DAY 5: DEPART MACAU

After checkout, transfer to the Macau Pier by shuttle bus for your ferry directly to Hong Kong International Airport. (B)



Prices per person from		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
4★ Dorsett Wan Chai & 4★Hotel Royal	£690	£260
4★+ Harbour Grand Kowloon & 4★Holiday Inn	£840	£390
5★ Kowloon Shangri-la & 5★ Sofitel Macau	£1,120	£590

Flight supplements may apply

- 4 nights accommodation
- Airport transfers & ferry tickets
- Touring as specified
- Entrance fees Meals as stated

Local English speaking guide

Call 0800 988 2888 or visit your local travel agent Visit wendywutours.co.uk

## **DUBAI STOPOVER**

Dubai is the ultimate urban destination - a city full of cutting edge architecture, epic shopping malls, the finest of the world's luxury hotels and a cosmopolitan nightlife, all topped off with excellent beaches. As modern and extravagant as Dubai might be there is still plenty of rich and traditional culture to be found, particularly amongst the labyrinthine alleys of the old city.



### **DUBAI HOTELS**



MARCO POLO HOTEL

Close to the airport and in easy reach of shopping malls and public transport, the Marco Polo is also located for those who want to explore the more historical side of the city. There is a pool to relax around and award-winning restaurants to dine at.



HILTON DUBAI, THE WALK

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On 'The Walk' and close to the new 'The Beach' mall, this Hilton offer modern and tasteful décor. With easy access to the sand, many rooms have views of the beachfront and facilities including kitchenette and seating area.



JA OCEAN VIEW HOTEL

Across the road from Jumeirah Beach on lively 'The Walk', the JA Ocean View is comfortable and modern. All rooms have sea views from their spacious balconies, and there are seven restaurants, and beautiful infinity pool.



AMWAJ ROTANA, JUMEIRAH BEACH

The Amwai Rotana boasts the largest guest rooms of the Jumeirah Beach Residence, each tastefully furnished and with a spacious balcony. This is the hotel for those looking for fun-filled entertainment in the evenings.



MÖVENPICK HOTEL JUMEIRAH BEACH

Located on 'The Walk', the Mövenpick is well situated for shopping and entertainment. A chic and modern property, contemporary rooms have balconies with partial or full views of the Gulf, and there is an outdoor pool and wellness centre



SHERATON JUMEIRAH BEACH RESORT

Sat on a private beach in Dubai Marina, the Sheraton has excellent facilities, including a spa and water sports. The combination of the contemporary hotel and its expansive landscape gardens creates a modern paradise.

## **ESSENTIAL DUBAI**



**NIGHTS FROM** 



£230

See a whole other side of Dubai on a stopover that includes a half day city tour that provides an insight into Dubai's rich history. Admire the incredible architecture – ultra-modern and deeply traditional, and browse through the wares of Dubai's old souks, as atmospheric today as they have been for centuries.



be met by your driver and get taken by car to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAY 2: EXPLORE DUBAI

Enjoy a half day tour of the city, which takes in both traditional and modern Dubai. Make a stop for photos at the Burj Al Arab and Jumeirah Mosque, pass the Zabeel Palace and explore the Al Fahidi Cultural Neighbourhood and art district and the Dubai

Museum. It's then time to On arrival into Dubai Airport, take a step back in time, and cross Dubai Creek by traditional abra, or water taxi, to wander through the vibrant Spice and Gold souks in the old part of the city the wares here have been the same for centuries. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 3: DEPART DUBAI After checkout, transfer back to the airport for your onward flight to the UK. (B)





Prices per person from		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
4★ The Marco Polo	£230	£140
4+★ Amwaj Rotana	£320	£240
5★ The Sheraton Jumeirah Beach Resort	£350	£250

Flight supplements may apply

- 2 nights accommodation
- Airport transfers
- Touring as specified
- Local English speak guide
- Entrance fees
- Breakfast daily

## **DUBAI & THE DESERT**



**NIGHTS FROM** 



£390

Dubai sits within the Arabian Desert, and with this stopover you can experience it on an adventurous and magical evening tour. Explore the sand dunes and dine on delicious Arabian fare under the stars. You'll also experience the city itself on a half day city tour.

### DAY 1: ARRIVE DUBAI

On arrival into Dubai Airport, be met by your driver and be taken by car to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAY 2: EXPLORE DUBAI

Enjoy a half day tour of the city, which takes in both traditional and modern Dubai. Stop for photos at the Burj Al Arab and Jumeirah Mosque, and explore the Al Fahidi Cultural Neighbourhood and art district and the Dubai Museum, Cross Dubai Creek by traditional abra and wander through the vibrant Spice and Gold souks. The rest of the day back to the airport for your is at leisure. (B)

### **DAY 3: DESERT ADVENTURE**

The day is at leisure before you head out into the desert for a magical evening. View falcons at an amphitheatre before an exciting drive into the sand dunes, with a stop in the perfect spot for sunset. Stop at a Bedouin-style camp for a delicious Arabic-style buffet within unlimited selected beverages. You can also try your hand at camel riding and sandboarding, included in the price, whilst here. (B,D)

### DAY 4: DEPART DUBAL

After checkout, transfer onward flight to the UK. (B)





Prices per person from		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
4★ The Marco Polo	£390	£180
4★ Hilton Dubai The Walk	£540	£360
5★ Movenpick Hotel Jumeirah Beach	£570	£390

Flight supplements may apply

- 3 nights accommodation
- Airport transfers
- Touring as specified
- Local English speak guide
- Entrance fees Breakfast daily

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## **AIRLINES**

A good flight starts your holiday off right and ends it on a high. Below you'll find information on our favourites airlines but we work with everyone so if your choice isn't here, you just have to ask. With such a range of airlines and options to upgrade, you can be sure you will travel in comfort and style.



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Board in Birmingham, Glasgow, London Gatwick and Heathrow, Manchester and Newcastle, flying via Dubai.



Seats in Economy have a comfortable pitch of



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## **HOTELS**

Your accommodation is selected for convenience of location, comfort or character and can range from a business hotel in one city to a family run guesthouse in a smaller town.















### Beijing

### Mercure Beijing Downtown

No.16 Jia,Xi Da Wang Road, Chao Yang District 100124, Beijing.

### Jiangxi Grand Hotel

8 Heng Yi Tiao Road Fengtai District, Beijing.

### **Grand Gongda Jianguo Hotel**

No.100 Pingleyuan, Chaoyang District, Beijing.

### Qianmen Jianguo Hotel

175, Yong An Road, Xuan Wu District, Beijing.

### Xian

### Golden Flower

8 Chang Le Road West, Xincheng District, Xian.

### **Grand Dynasty Culture Hotel**

172 Lian Hu Road, Xian, Shaanxi.

### Yulong International Hotel

No. 5 West Part of North 2nd Ring Road, Weiyang District, Xian.

### Shanghai

### Jin Jiang Hua Ting Hotel & Towers

1200 North Cao Xi Road, Shanghai.

### Crowne Plaza Fudan Shanghai

199, Handan Road, Yangpu District, Shanghai.

### **Jiulong Hotel**

601, Liyang Road, Hongkou District, Shanghai.

### Regal Shanghai East Asia Hotel

800 Lingling Road, Xuhui District, Shanghai.

### Chengdu

### Chengdu Xinliang Hotel

No.246, Shangdong St., Chengdu

### Chengdu Water Hotel

No. 53-57 South Taisheng Road, Chengdu City, 610016

### Chengdu Tianfu Sunshine Hotel

2 Tai Sheng Bei Road, Chengdu, Sichuan.

### Guilin

### Lijiang Waterfall Hotel

1 Shanhu North Road, Xiufeng District, Guilin.

### **Universal Hotel**

1 Jiefangdong Road, Xiufeng District, Guilin.

### Yangshuo

### Elite Garden Hotel

51 Pantao Road, Yangshuo.

### **New Century Hotel**

Pantao Road (next to Yangshuo Park), Yangshuo.

### Jasper International Hotel

No. 103-11 Shima Road, Yangshuo.

### Lijiang

### Adange Hotel

Shangri-La Road, Lijiang.

### Dali

### Landscape Hotel

No.96 Yu'er Road, Old City of Dali.

### Kunming

### Jin Jiang Hotel

98 Beijing Road, Kunming.

### Suzhou

### **Garden Hotel**

No.477 Liu Yuan Road of Suzhou.

### **Grand Trustel Aster Suzhou**

488, San Xiang Road, Suzhou.

### Hangzhou

### Best Western (Premier) Richful Green

No. 31 Laozhedaheng Road, Shangcheng District, Hangzhou.

### Culture Plaza Hotel Zhejiang

38 Wen Er Road Hangzhou.

### Nine Villages Valley

### Poly New Jiuzhai Hotel

Zhanglong Town, Jiuzhaigou County, Sichuan.

### **Qianhe International Hotel**

Zhangzha Zhen, Long Kang Village, Huodi Ba, Jiuzhaigou

### Zhongdian

### **Zhaxidele Hotel**

65 Kangzhu Avenue, Zhongdian, Yunnan.

### Lhasa

### Tibet Hotel

No.64 Beijing Middle Road, Chengguan District, Lhasa.

Hotels on our Classic Group Tours are generally rated as local three to four-star standard, but please note that there is no international classification system for hotels and differences in facilities and quality may exist between the UK and China.

Our Exclusive Collection hotels can be found on page 87.

Hotels are subject to change and will be confirmed with your final documents.

## YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

A selection of our most frequently asked questions.

### **BEFORE YOU TRAVEL**

### Q. How soon after making our booking will we receive confirmation?

A. Once we have received your deposit we will send your confirmation documents.

### Q. Do you send us information about the destinations we will visit?

A. It is essential that you read the relevant tour dossier before booking, which you can find on wendywutours.co.uk, or we can arrange for one to be sent to you. If there are any particular challenges such as the length of time spent on your feet, journey times or accommodation standards, they will be explained in these concise trip notes.

Two weeks before you travel, you will receive a detailed day-by-day itinerary, a travel guide and phrasebook as well as a suggested packing list with your final documents.

### Q. Will I know which hotels I will be staying in before I go?

A. Hotel details will be sent with your final documents. Note that these may be subject to change. Hotels generally range from 3-4 stars. In more remote areas, accommodation may be of a lower standard and may not have all western amenities. Rest assured that all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected by our staff and our partners to ensure that standards meet your needs. See pages 114-115 for examples of hotels we usually use. If you require an early check-in or late check-out on your arrival or departure day, please contact us.

### Q. How do I get my visa?

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A. The cost of your visa is included in the price of your tour (UK & EU passports only). Simply send us your passport, completed visa application form and passport size photos eight weeks before departure by Royal Mail Special Delivery and we aim to have them sent back to you within four weeks. If you require your passport back earlier, please let us know so that we can arrange for an express visa service at an additional charge. Passports

or visa application forms received six weeks or less before departure will automatically incur an express visa fee. Wendy Wu Tours does not accept responsibility for lost or undelivered items. Personal collection or courier services are available on request. Please note that visa and Tibet Permit regulations can change at any time.

### Q. Do I need travel insurance?

A. Your protection and safety are our main priority. That's why having adequate travel insurance is a condition of booking with us for all the destinations you plan to travel to. Contact us for details of our recommended policies.

### Q. What vaccinations do I need?

A. We recommend you see your doctor at least six weeks prior to travel for advice and to allow time for any necessary vaccinations. Please remember to take your itinerary with you.

	Recommended		
	recommended		
China	Hepatitis A, Poliomyelitis. Malaria tablets in some regions		
Hong Kong	Hepatitis A		
Vietnam	Hepatitis A, Typhoid & Tetanus. Malaria tablets in some regions		
Nepal	Hepatitis A, Typhoid, Tetanus, Diphtheria, Poliomyelitis. Malaria tablets in some regions		
Mongolia	Hepatitis A		
Kyrgyzstan	Hepatitis A		
Uzbekistan	Hepatitis A, Poliomyelitis		
Taiwan	Hepatitis A		
Qatar	Hepatitis A		
UAE	Hepatitis A		
South Korea	Hepatitis A		
Japan	No recommended vaccinations		

This information is given as a guide only and no responsibility can be taken for any errors or omissions. Source: www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk. Always seek your doctor's advice.



### Q. How fit do I need to be?

A. Our group tours are graded on each page to reflect the level of fitness required.

The specific reasons for a particular grading for each tour are clearly described on the tour dossiers which you can find on our website. Please contact us if you require any advice.

Our range of private tours is more flexible and may better cater for individual needs. Ask us for more details.



### COMFORTABLE

Accessible to most people with an average level of

fitness and normal mobility. They may involve sightseeing on foot, some climbing of stairs and getting on and off boats.



Tours require a higher level of fitness and may include

standard activities and longer periods of sightseeing. Easy walking, high altitude and overnight train journeys may feature.



Tours require a good level of fitness, as they are physically

more demanding. They may involve hiking, and travel to remote or high altitude areas where tourist facilities are less developed

Please contact us if you require any advice.

### Q. What size are your tour groups?

**A.** The maximum group size varies depending on the tour, but is usually between 8 and 29 passengers. You may meet other tour groups travelling concurrently. Where available, on our group tours we operate a seat-and-a-half policy, allowing you to travel in comfort. On our Immerse Yourself range and Exclusive Collection tours in this brochure the maximum group size is 18 passengers.

### Q. Do you run guaranteed departures?

**A.** Our most popular tours are guaranteed to depart, subject to a minimum of two passengers travelling. All other group tours are guaranteed to run subject to a minimum of 8 passengers, and a National Escort will accompany each group of 10 or more.

### Q. As a single traveller, will I have to pay a single supplement?

**A.** You can avoid paying a single supplement on most of our China tours if you are willing to share with another tour member of the same gender. You will be introduced to your share partner on arrival. Note that on overnight rail journeys and cruises this may not be with a Wendy Wu Tours passenger. Willing to share is not available on our Exclusive Collection tours and is on request

Q. What does escorted touring mean?

**A.** Every group tour which has 10 or more

passengers travelling will be accompanied

by a National Escort from when you arrive

to when you depart. On multi-country

in each country. In the unlikely event

location. Our optional extensions are

not accompanied by a National Escort;

knowledgeable local guides. Transfers

however, you will have the benefit of our

and flights to and from optional extension

destinations are not escorted. Private tours

are not accompanied by a National Escort,

but will be accompanied by knowledgeable

local guides in each location.

that you are in a group of less than 10,

local guides will accompany you at each

tours, different National Escorts are used

when booking closer than 75 days to departure. To arrange a guaranteed private room our single room option is available at an extra cost (you will still be required to share on overnight rail journeys).

### Q. What is the maximum luggage allowance on your tours?

A. Your main suitcase or backpack must not exceed 20kg and your hand luggage must not exceed 5kg as this is the maximum allowance on internal flights.

### Q. What currency should I take?

A. We recommend you take the local currency (RMB) and a credit/debit card. We do not recommend travellers cheques. Please ensure you have sufficient funds to pay for personal expenses such as drinks. snacks, souvenirs, additional tipping and

Tipping must be in RMB for China tours and in US dollars for other countries. (see page 118)

### Q. Can you arrange airport lounges, parking & hotels?

A. Yes – we are always looking for ways to make your holiday that little bit more comfortable and convenient for you. See page 122 for details.



### Q. When is the best time to visit China?

A. China is a year-round destination. While spring and autumn are the most popular months to visit, many people enjoy tours at other times of the year when there are fewer tourists. See page 119.

### Q. When are Chinese public holidays?

A. Chinese New Year is on 16th February 2018 and 5th February 2019. Their Golden Week public holidays fall annually between 1-3 May and 1-7 October. Celebrations last for several days and during this time, some businesses will be closed. Tour attractions will be open, but may be crowded.

## WHILE ON TOUR

Q. What sort of vehicles do you use? Air: Internal flights are based on economy class, with reputable airlines.

Road: Coaches with air conditioning are used on our group tours for city sightseeing, short excursions to the countryside and longer transfers where necessary. On our private tours, we use air-conditioned vehicles suitable for the size of the party.

River: Ships or boats are used on tours which have a cruising element, from large ships on the Yangtze River to smaller boats on the Li River. Grand Canal and West Lake. To undertake these excursions, you will need to be capable of boarding and disembarking from these boats, sometimes without assistance and/or handrails.

Rail: Trains are used on some tours. Where there is an overnight journey we use the best available soft sleeper trains. Each compartment is shared by four people (not necessarily Wendy Wu Tours passengers). There is a western-style toilet at one end of the carriage and an Asian style toilet at the other end. The beds and cabins are basic with clean linen provided and there are neither showers nor a dining car. The

trains are generally clean; however you cannot expect western standards. Where bullet trains are used you may have to carry and store your own luggage - the National Escort will assist where possible.

### Q. Is there a dress code on your tours?

A. Our dress code is very relaxed; however, please note that clothing covering the arms and legs is more appropriate when visiting religious buildings.

### Q. Are meals included?

A. All meals (excluding beverages) are included on our Classic group tours except where stated. Meals start with dinner on the normal day of arrival and finish with breakfast on the normal day of departure. Meals included in Immerse Yourself Tours, Exclusive Collection and Private Tours are stated in the brochure and include several free evenings, offering flexibility for those who wish to explore local restaurants. Any additional meals will be at your own expense and no refund will be made for any meals missed. You will sample a range of local cuisine with occasional western meals, and meals are usually taken at local restaurants.

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### WHILE ON TOUR

### Q. Is tap water safe to drink?

**A.** We strongly recommend that you drink bottled water only.

### Q. Is porterage included?

**A.** Porterage is included on our Classic and Immerse Yourself Group Tours to China (from the coach to the lobby of each hotel).

For Exclusive Collection tours portorage is included from the coach to your hotel room.

## Q. How does the tipping system work on your tours?

A. Tipping is expected in China. However this can often lead to awkwardness in knowing when it is appropriate to tip and how much, as well as ensuring you have a suitable amount of change available at the time. For your convenience, and based on many years of experience, Wendy Wu Tours operates a kitty system on our Group Tours so your National Escort will look after this aspect of your trip for you. It also ensures that the amounts paid are reasonable for you but still fair for the local people. The amount is stated on each Group Tour page (and will be advised again in your final documents).

If you are taking a tour without a Yangtze Cruise, tipping will be collected by your National Escort on arrival and distributed throughout the tour on your behalf.

If you are taking a tour which includes a Yangtze Cruise, the total amount listed on the tour pages will be collected in two parts:

- 1) An amount paid to your National Escort on arrival, as above.
- 2) A separate service levy in to be paid upon boarding the Cruise vessel.

Any additional tipping on any of our tours is welcomed at your discretion. Please feel free to tip restaurant staff, porters, or river guides if they performed a special service for you. For tours with fewer than 10 passengers, tipping will be slightly higher than stated on the group tour pages. On Private Tours and Extensions, we will advise recommended amounts.

The specific amounts for tipping contributions will be outlined in your final documentation.

### Q. Are there any optional excursions?

A. From time to time your National Escort or local guide may suggest optional sightseeing in addition to the standard sightseeing planned, depending on local conditions. Such options are at an additional cost, with prices usually ranging from £10 to £30 per person. This is paid in cash (in RMB) to the guide on the day of the optional excursion – just ask your guide if you need to visit a cash machine before touring for that day commences.

## Q. Are there shopping opportunities on your tours?

**A.** China has an array of shopping opportunities for those who love to seek out a bargain; from hand-carved jade to local silk products or pearls from the South China Sea. We encourage all passengers to enjoy their local shopping expeditions but to take care and be wise when purchasing.

### Q. Can special requests be arranged?

**A.** If you have any special requests such as dietary requirements, or if you wish to celebrate an event, please notify us at the time of booking and we will do everything possible to ensure your requests are met. Please note that special requests cannot be guaranteed.

### Q. What is the flying time to China?

**A.** Approx. 11 hours (if flying direct).

### Q. Do you allow children on your tours?

A. We allow children 12 years and over on our Classic and Immerse Yourself Group Tours and welcome children aged 8 years and over on our In Pursuit of Pandas tour on page 16. The minimum age on our Exclusive Collection tours is 18 years. Alternatively, our Private Tours (see our website) offer greater flexibility whilst on tour and are suitable for any age group.

## Q. Will I be travelling with passengers from other countries?

**A.** Our passengers generally enjoy the mixture of British and Australian clients on tour. Occasionally we are joined by English speaking passengers from other countries.

## Q. What is the average age on your aroup tours?

**A.** The average age range is 40-65. Younger and older passengers travel with us too.

## Q. What hours of the day do your tours operate?

**A.** They generally start about 8am and end shortly after your evening meal. Occasionally earlier starts are required to meet flight departures.

## Q. How close can I get to the Giant Pandas?

**A.** If your tour includes a visit to see Giant Pandas, you will usually get close enough for a good photo opportunity.

## Q. Which cabins are used on your Yangtze River Cruise vessels?

**A.** We use outward facing en suite cabins with balconies. Please see our website for an overview of our Yangtze River Cruise ships.

## Q. How do hotel standards in China compare with the UK?

A. We will do our best to ensure that your holiday is safe and trouble free and we are continually working with our local partners to maintain and improve health and safety standards. Travelling abroad involves new places and new experiences and sometimes this means different safety and hygiene standards to those we are used to in the UK. We therefore ask that you take care; pay attention at all times and use your common sense. You are also requested to refer to notices and follow advice from your National Escort or local guide.

## **Health & Safety**

The enjoyment of your holiday is our highest priority. Wendy Wu Tours is a fully insured and bonded tour operator with comprehensive public liability cover.

Working closely with an independent health and safety organisation, we are proactive in our approach by ensuring that hotels used on our group tours regularly undergo comprehensive fire safety, security and hygiene audits.

In the unlikely event of a problem or emergency on tour, Wendy Wu Tours has a Crisis Management process in place to support all of our customers. We also have a dedicated 24 hour emergency support number.

## CHINA FOR ALL SEASONS

Our tours cover the length and breadth of China. Depending on the time of year and where you travel, you may experience two or more seasons as you journey through the country.

BEIJING							
Min Temp °C   Max Temp °C   Rainfall mm							
Jan	-9	2	3				
Feb	-6	5	5				
Mar	0	12	8				
Apr	8	20	21				
May	14	26	34				
Jun	19	30	78				
Jul	22	31	185				
Aug	21	30	160				
Sep	15	26	46				
Oct	8	19	22				
Nov	0	10	7				
Dec	-6	4	3				

	Shanghai							
		Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm				
	Jan	1	8	76				
	Feb	2	8	44				
	Mar	5	13	118				
	Apr	11	19	63				
	May	16	24	85				
	Jun	20	27	212				
	Jul	25	32	142				
	Aug	25	32	230				
	Sep	21	27	76				
	Oct	15	22	64				
	Nov	9	17	43				
	Dec	2	11	34				
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XIAN				CHENGDU			
	Min Temp ℃	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm		Min Temp ℃	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	-4	5	7	Jan	3	9	8
Feb	-1	8	10	Feb	5	11	12
Mar	4	14	29	Mar	8	16	20
Apr	10	21	43	Apr	13	22	44
May	14	26	60	May	17	26	79
Jun	19	31	54	Jun	21	28	107
Jul	22	32	99	Jul	22	30	225
Aug	21	31	71	Aug	22	30	201
Sep	16	25	92	Sep	19	26	119
Oct	10	20	60	Oct	15	21	35
Nov	3	12	24	Nov	10	16	16
Dec	-3	6	6	Dec	5	11	5

	GUILIN				KI	JNMING	
	Min Temp ℃	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm		Min Temp ℃	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	5	12	63	Jan	2	15	16
Feb	7	13	97	Feb	4	17	16
Mar	10	16	137	Mar	6	21	20
Apr	16	23	247	Apr	10	24	24
May	20	27	352	May	14	24	97
Jun	23	30	347	Jun	17	24	181
Jul	25	33	231	Jul	17	24	202
Aug	25	33	173	Aug	16	24	204
Sep	22	30	82	Sep	15	23	119
Oct	17	27	86	Oct	12	20	79
Nov	12	20	64	Nov	7	17	42
Dec	7	15	43	Dec	3	15	12

	HONG KONG			LHASA			
	Min Temp ℃	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm		Min Temp ℃	Max Temp °C	Rainfall
Jan	14	19	23	Jan	-9	7	1
Feb	14	19	48	Feb	-6	9	2
Mar	17	21	67	Mar	-2	13	3
Apr	20	25	162	Apr	2	16	6
May	24	29	317	May	6	20	28
Jun	27	30	376	Jun	10	23	71
Jul	27	32	324	Jul	10	23	117
Aug	26	31	301	Aug	10	21	121
Sep	26	30	300	Sep	8	20	69
Oct	23	28	145	Oct	2	17	9
Nov	19	24	35	Nov	-4	12	2
Dec	15	21	27	Dec	-8	8	1
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### Beijing

Beijing's climate, like the city itself, is ever changing. Winter is cold, but with crisp blue skies and fewer visitors, this makes it an ideal time to travel. Spring and autumn are warmer, with cloudier skies.

### Shanghai

Shanghai's weather can be split into four distinct seasons – a warm spring, a hot and rainy summer, cooler weather in autumn and a cold winter. Being next to the sea, Shanghai experiences more rain than the rest of China.

### Xian

Xian experiences a hot and rainy summer, a cold, clear and dry winter, and short rain showers throughout spring and autumn. Xian's weather is generally pleasant year round.

### Chengdu

Chengdu's weather is characteristically foggy and humid, with a long and warm spring; a short and hot summer, a cool autumn and a cold winter. July and August are the rainiest months.

### Guilin

Guilin's southern location blesses it with mild weather on average. Spring is hot, while summer is rainy, humid and foggy. Autumn is cool and pleasant, and winter can be breezy with occasional drizzle.

### **Kunming**

Kunming justly lives up to its name as the 'Spring City' of China – with weather like spring most of the year, it rarely experiences cold winters or the extreme heat of summer.

### Hong Kong

Hong Kong's subtropical location means it experiences pleasant temperatures year round. Spring is warm and humid, summer is hot and rainy, autumn is sunny and clear, and winter is cooler and dry.

### Lhasa

Lhasa's altitude is the main factor influencing its climate. With cold winters and mild summers, the valley that it sits in protects it from more extreme weather. July, August and September sees the highest amount of rain annually, though Lhasa actually receives nearly 3,000 hours of sunshine a year!

### Wendy Wu Tours Booking Conditions

The following booking conditions form the basis of your contract with Wendy Wu Tours Ltd. Ground Floor Cottons Centre Cottons Lane 47-49 Tooley St. London SE1 2QG, company number 05107061. Please read them carefully as they set out our respective rights and obligations. By asking us to confirm your booking, you confirm that you have had the opportunity to read and have read these booking conditions, the brochure and tour dossier and agree to be bound by them.

These booking conditions only apply to holiday arrangements which you book with us in the LLK and which we agree to make provide or perform (as applicable) as part of our contract with you. All references in these booking conditions to "holiday", "booking", "contract", "package", "tour" or "arrangements" mean such holiday arrangements unless otherwise stated

For tailor-made holidays, please refer to our Asia Inspirations brochure and terms and conditions or visit www.asiainspirations.co.uk.

In these booking conditions, "you" and "your" means all persons named on the booking (including anyone who is added or substituted at a later date) or any of them as the context requires. "We", "us" and "our" means Wendy Wu Tours Limited.

### 1. Your Holiday Contract

The first named person on the booking ("lead name") must be authorised to make a booking on the basis of these booking conditions by all persons named on the booking and by their parent or guardian for all party members who are under 18 when the booking is made. By making a booking the lead name confirms that he/she is so authorised. The lead name is responsible for making all payments due to us and to indemnify us for the liability of all party members. The lead name must be at least 18 when the booking is made.

After we receive your booking request and all appropriate payments (see clause 4 "Payment" below), if the arrangements you wish to book are available, we will issue a confirmation invoice. A binding agreement will come into existence between us when we dispatch this invoice to the 'lead name' or your Travel Agent. We both agree that English Law (and no other) will apply to your contract and to any dispute, claim or other matter of any description which arises between us ("claim") (except as set out below). We both also agree that any claim (and whether or not involving any personal injury) must be dealt with under the ABTA arbitration scheme (if the scheme is available for the claim in question and you wish to use it - see clause 14) or by the Courts of England and Wales only unless, in the case of Court proceedings, you live in Scotland or Northern Ireland. In this case, proceedings can either be brought in the Courts of your home country or those of England and Wales. If proceedings are brought in Scotland or Northern Ireland, you may choose to have your contract and claim governed by the law of Scotland/Northern Ireland as applicable (but if you do not so choose, English law will apply).

Your invoice will be sent to your travel agent or the lead name on the booking if you have booked direct with us. Please check this invoice carefully as soon as you receive it. Contact us immediately if any information which appears on the confirmation or any other document appears to be incorrect or incomplete as it may not be possible to make changes later. We regret we cannot accent any liability if we are not notified of any inaccuracies (for which we are responsible) in any document within ten days of our sending it out (five days for tickets). We will do our best to rectify any mistake notified to us outside these time limits but you must meet any costs involved in doing so. If you wish to change or cancel any arrangements later you may have to pay an

### 2 Your financial protection

amendment or cancellation charge (See Clause 8).

We hold an Air Travel Organiser's Licence issued by the Civil Aviation Authority (ATOL. number 6639). When you buy an ATOL protected flight or flight inclusive holiday\* from us, you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists the flight, accommodation, car hire and or other services that are financially protected, where you can get information on what this means for you, and who to contact if things go wrong. We, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL Certificate, will provide you with the services listed on the ATOL Certificate (or a suitable alternative). In some cases, where neither we nor the supplier are able to do so for reasons of insolvency, an alternative ATOL holder may provide you with services you have bought or a suitable alternative (at no extra cost to you). You agree to accept that in those circumstances the alternative ATOL holder will perform those obligations and you agree to pay any money outstanding to be paid by you under your contract to that alternative ATOL holder. However, you also agree that in some cases it will not be possible to appoint an alternative ATOL holder, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under the ATOL scheme (or your credit card issuer where applicable).

\*The flights and flight-inclusive holidays we arrange are ATOL protected providing they are made available in the UK. For further information visit the ATOL website at www.atol.org.uk.

We are a member of ABTA (ABTA number W7994). If your holiday does not include flights, ABTA will financially protect your holiday by ensuring you receive a refund or, if your arrangements include return travel to the UK (other than flights) you are returned to the UK in the event that your holiday cannot be provided as a result of our insolvency. Please go to www.abta.com for a copy of the guide to ABTA's scheme of Financial

ABTA and ABTA members help holidaymakers to get the most from their travel and assist them when things do not go according to plan. We are obliged to maintain a high standard of service to you by ABTA's Code of Conduct.

For further information about ARTA, the Code of Conduct and the arbitration scheme available to you if you have a complaint (see clause 14), contact ABTA at 30 Park Street, London, SE1 9EQ or see www.abta.com.

### 3. Your Holiday Price

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Please note, changes and errors occasionally occur. You must check the price of your chosen holiday at the time of booking.

The cost of your travel arrangements was calculated using known costs and exchange rates of £1 to 1.305USD and £1 to 8.80CNY on 17 July 2017.

We reserve the right to increase and correct errors in advertised prices at any time before your holiday is confirmed. We will advise you of any error which we are aware of and inform the new applicable price at the time of booking.

Once the price of your chosen holiday has been confirmed at the time of booking, then subject to the correction of errors, we will only increase the price in the following circumstances. Price increases after booking will be passed on by way of a surcharge. A surcharge will be payable, subject to the conditions set out in this clause, in the event of any change in our transportation costs or in dues, taxes or fees payable for services such as landing taxes or embarkation or disembarkation fees at ports or airports or in the any fluctuation in exchange rates which have been used to calculate the cost of your holiday. Even in the above cases, we will only levy a surcharge if the amount of any increase in our costs exceeds 2% of the total cost of your holiday (excluding insurance premiums and any amendment charges). If any surcharge is greater than 10% of the cost of

your holiday (excluding insurance premiums and any amendment charges), you will be entitled to cancel your booking and receive a full refund of all monies you have paid to us (except for any amendment charges) or alternatively purchase another holiday from us as referred to in clause 9 "If we change or cancel your holiday". Although insurance (where nurchased through us) does not form part of your contract with us or of any "package", we will consider an appropriate refund of any insurance premiums you have paid us if you can show you are unable to use/reuse or transfer your policy in the event

of cancellation or nurchase of an alternative holiday

Where applicable, you have 14 days from the issue date printed on the surcharge invoice to tell us if you want to choose option (b) or (c) as set out in clause 9 below. If you do not tell us that you wish to choose either of these options within this period of time, we are entitled to assume that you do not wish to do so and will pay the surcharge. Any surcharge must be paid with the balance of the cost of the holiday or within 14 days of the issue date printed on the surcharge invoice, whichever is the later.

Please note that arrangements are not always purchased in local currency and some apparent changes have no impact on the price of your holiday due to contractual and other protection in place.

### In any event, we promise not to levy a surcharge within 30 days of departure.

In order to confirm your chosen holiday, a deposit of at least £350,00 per person (or full payment if booking within 60 days of departure) must be paid at the time of booking. In some es the amount of deposit may be higher: where, for example, we need to pre-purchase flights tickets, accommodation or other services. If you wish to purchase the insurance policy we offer, all applicable premiums must also be paid at the time of booking (you must be insured - please see clause 6 on the subject of insurance

The balance of the holiday cost must be received by us not less than 60 days prior to departure. This date will be shown on the confirmation invoice. Reminders are not sent.

Our preferred method of deposit payment is by bank debit card or credit card. Balance payment may be made by cash, bank debit card, credit card or cheque (providing there is time to clear it to meet the payment schedule shown above - you should allow 5 working days for clearance from the time we receive it). No charge will be made for deposits and balances paid by Debit Card/Switch/Delta. However, in line with most major operators, we will make a charge of 2% for deposits and balances paid by credit card. If we do not receive all navments due (including any surcharge where applicable) in full and on time, we are entitled to assume that you wish to cancel your booking. In this case, we will be entitled to keep all deposits paid or due at that date.

Except for flight inclusive bookings, all monies you pay to one of our authorised travel agents for your holiday with us will be held by the agent on your behalf until a contract between us comes into existence. After that point, your agent will hold the monies on our behalf until they are paid to us. For flight inclusive bookings, all monies paid to any authorised travel agent of ours for your holiday with us will be held on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust subject to the travel agent's obligation to pay such monies to us in accordance with our trading terms unless we fail. In the unlikely event of our financial failure, all monies then held by the travel agent or subsequently paid by you to the travel agent will be held by the agent on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust without any obligation on the agent to pay such monies to us.

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A Passport with a minimum of six months validity from the intended date of Travel, and contain a minimum of two blank visa pages, is required for travel for all countries in our programme. Visa fees, where required, are included for UK and EU passport holders in all fully inclusive group packages with the exception of holidays to Laos. Non UK passport holders will incur Visa fees at their own expense. Failure to forward passports to Wendy Wu Tours by the date specified on your confirmation invoice so that we can process your Visa application may incur further charges to cover expedited Visa processing. Unless otherwise requested your passport will be returned approximately 4 weeks after receipt by Royal Mail Special Delivery. A charge will be made for faster processing. It is your responsibility to ensure the visa issued to you is correct. Whilst we include the cost of the standard visa application service in your tour price (for UK and EU passport holders), we will pass on any additional charges incurred for non-standard visa processing, or where visa charges are increased following publication of the brochure. Should your visa application be refused for any reason and you wish to cancel your booking the cancellation charges under clause 8 will apply. We make no promises that your Visa application will be successful and we cannot accept bookings conditional on the issuing of a Visa, or payment of the balance of the holiday cost (see clause 4) to be deferred until visas have been issued.

Responsibility for documentation accuracy, passport validity and dispatch of documents rests with you. Wendy Wu Tours accepts no responsibility in this regard. Passports and applications should be sent by tracked delivery or in person. We accept no responsibility for passports lost in the post.

It is the responsibility of each passenger to ensure that you carry all necessary passport, visa and other travel documentation as required by the country you are visiting, and that all documents are in date and valid. We do not accept responsibility if you cannot travel because you have not complied with any passport, visa or immigration requirements for any part of your holiday. If failure to have any necessary travel or other documents results in fines, surcharges or other financial penalty being imposed on us, you will be responsible for reimbursing us in full.

### 6 Travel Insurance Health and Safety

It is a condition of booking with us that you take out suitable travel insurance covering at least circumstances leading to the cancellation of your booking and providing sufficient medical cover for illness or injury and repatriation while overseas. You must provide us with the name of your insurers and their 24 hour emergency contact number when you book or as soon as possible thereafter. Wendy Wu Tours will not be liable for any costs incurred by you due to your failure to take out suitable travel insurance from the date of booking. You will indemnify Wendy Wu Tours in respect of any assistance or payment made by us in these circumstances.

Details of any compulsory health requirements applicable to British citizens for your holiday are available from the websites listed below. It is your responsibility to ensure you are aware of all recommended vaccinations and health precautions in good time before departure. Details are available from your GP surgery and from the National Travel Health Network and Centre www.nathnac.org. Information on health can be found at www.nhs.uk and www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk. For holidays in the EU / EFA you should obtain an EHIC (European Health Insurance Card) prior to departure from the Department of Health (www.dh.gov.uk). Health requirements and recommendations may change and

you must check the up to date position in good time before departure. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office publishes regularly updated travel information on its website www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice which you are recommended to consult before booking and in good time before departure.

### If you wish to change your booking

If, after our confirmation invoice has been issued, you wish to change your travel arrangements in any way, we will endeavour to make these changes, but it may not always be possible. Any request for changes to be made must be from the lead name on the booking or your Travel Agent. You will be asked to pay an administration charge as set out below per person and any further cost we incur together with any costs or charges incurred or imposed by any of our suppliers in making this alteration. Examples include

- Minor amendments to the tour booked £20
- Minor amendments made within 30 days of departure £30 . Transferring between tours or changing departure date - £50
- Transferring between tours or changing departure date within 60 days of departure is not permitted and cancellation fees will apply
- Reissue of airline tickets £50 plus any non-refundable costs of the cancelled ticket
- and any additional costs of the new ticket Once a booking is confirmed no name transfers are permitted within 60 days of departure and will be regarded as a cancellation and cancellation fees apply

It is important to note that some arrangements such as certain types of air tickets. cannot be changed after a booking has been made as they are sold as part of your fixed package: any change will be treated as a cancellation in which case cancellation

### 8 If you wish to cancel your booking

Because we start to incur costs in relation to your arrangements from the time we confirm your booking, if you cancel we have to make a charge and the nearer to your departure date you cancel, the higher the charge will be. If you wish to cancel a confirmed booking you must do so by writing to our head office. Cancellation takes effect from the day we receive your letter. Cancellation charges are shown in the table below and will be payable immediately on cancellation. Where the cancellation charge is shown as a percentage, this is calculated on the basis of the total cost payable by the person(s) cancelling excluding insurance premiums and amendment charges. Insurance premiums and amendment charges are not refundable in the event of cancellation:

6	61 or more days	Retention of deposit	
	60 – 42 days	30% including deposit	
	41 – 28 days	60% including deposit	
	27 – 15 days	90% including deposit	
	14 days or less	100% including deposit	

Depending on the reason for cancellation, you may be able to reclaim these cancellation charges (less any applicable excess) under the terms of your insurance policy. Claims must be made directly to the insurance company concerned and we have no liability in these circumstances.

### 9. If we change or cancel your holiday

We start planning the holidays we offer many months in advance. Occasionally, we have to make changes to and correct errors in brochure and other details both before and after hookings have been confirmed and cancel confirmed bookings. Whilst we always endeavour to avoid changes and cancellations, we must reserve the right to do so. The right is also reserved to change airline, aircraft types and vessels scheduled for any specific departure. Even after we have confirmed your booking we may have to make alterations to confirmed arrangements. Most such alterations will be minor and of little effect on your overall arrangements and while we will do our best to notify you of any such minor change before your departure, we will have no other liability to you. Occasionally we may have to make a significant change to your confirmed arrangement: Significant changes include but are not limited to the following (which are illustrative):

- Change of UK departure airport. (A change from one London airport to another is not.) considered a major change. London airports are Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted, Luton and London City)
- · Change of your time of departure or return by more than 12 hours
- Change of resort
- Change of holiday accommodation to accommodation of a lower official rating If we have to make a significant change, we will notify you as quickly as possible and offer you the following options:

(a) (for significant changes) accepting the changed arrangements of

(b) purchasing an alternative holiday from us, of a similar standard to that originally booked if available. We will offer you at least one alternative holiday of equivalent or higher standard for which you will not be asked to pay any more than the price of the original holiday. If this holiday is in fact cheaper than the original one, we will refund the price difference. If you do not wish to accept the holiday we specifically offer you. you may choose any of our other then available holidays. You must pay the applicable price of any such holiday. This will mean your paying more if it is more expensive or receiving a refund if it is cheaper or

(c)cancelling or accepting the cancellation in which case you will receive a full refund of all monies you have paid to us

In addition, if you choose (a) or (b) above, and the change is not due to 'force maieure'(see clause 10 "Force Maieure"), vou will receive as compensation a credit towards the cost of your arrangements, or any alternative selected, of the amount shown in Scale A below. If you choose (c) we will pay you compensation of the amount shown in Scale B below. In all cases we will have no liability for any other or greater compensation, or for expenses or losses incurred as a result of any change.

Period before departure date notification given by us Credit/Compensation per fare paying passenger (excluding

	Scale A	Scale B
0 – 7 days	£50	£25
8 – 14 days	£40	£20
15 – 28 days	£30	£15
29 – 42 days	£20	£10
43 – 56 days	£10	£5

No compensation will be payable and the above options will not be available if we cancel as a result of your failure to comply with any requirement of these booking conditions entitling us to cancel (such as paying on time) or where a change is a minor one.

### 10. Our liability to you

(1) We will take reasonable care to ensure that the holiday arrangements we have agreed to make, perform or provide as part of our contract with you are made, performed or provided with reasonable skill and care. This means that, subject to these booking conditions, we may accept responsibility if, for example, you suffer death or personal injury or your contracted holiday arrangements are not provided as promised or prove deficient as a result solely of the failure of ourselves, our employees, agents or suppliers to use reasonable skill and care in making, performing or providing, as applicable, your contracted holiday arrangements. Please note, it is your responsibility to show that reasonable skill and care has not been used and you have suffered loss as a result if you wish to make a claim against us. In addition, we will only be responsible for what our employees, agents and suppliers do or do not do if they were at the time acting within the course of their employment (for employees) or carrying out work we had asked them to do (for agents and suppliers).

(2) We will not be responsible for any injury illness, death, loss (for example loss of enjoyment), damage, expense, cost or other sum or claim of any description whatsoever which results from any of the following:

- . the act(s) and/or omission(s) of the person(s) affected or any member(s) of their
- the act(s) and/or omission(s) of a third party not connected with the provision of your holiday and which were unforeseeable or unavoidable or
- . 'force majeure' as defined in clause 11 below

(3) Please note, we cannot accept responsibility for any services which do not form part of our contract. This includes, for example, any additional services or facilities which your hotel or any other supplier agrees to provide for you where the services or facilities are not advertised by us and we have not agreed to arrange them as part of our contract including any excursion you nurchase in resort. Please also see clause 12 "Excursions". In addition regardless of any wording used by us on our website, in any advertising material or elsewhere, we only promise to use reasonable skill and care in performing our contractual obligation as set out above and we do not have any greater or different liability to you.

(4) The promises we make to you about the services we have agreed to provide or arrange as part of our contract - and the laws, regulations and relevant standards of the country in which your claim or complaint occurred - will be used as the basis for deciding whether the services in question had been properly provided. If the particular services which gave rise to the claim or complaint complied with local laws and regulations applicable to those services at the time, the services will be treated as having been properly provided. This will be the case even if the services did not comply with the laws and regulations of the UK which would have applied had those services been provided in the UK. The exception to this is where the claim or complaint concerns the absence of a safety feature which might lead a reasonable holiday maker to refuse to take the holiday in question. Please note, nowever, our obligation is to exercise reasonable skill and care as referred to in clause 10(1). We do not make any representation or commitment that all services will comply with applicable local laws and regulations and failure to comply does not automatically mean we have not exercised reasonable skill and care.

(5) As set out in these booking conditions, we limit the maximum amount we may have to pay you for any claims you may make against us.

Where we are found liable for loss of and/or damage to any luggage or personal possessions (including money), the maximum amount we will have to pay you is £1,500 per person affected unless a different limitation applies to your claim under this clause or clause 10(6) below. You must ensure you have appropriate travel insurance to protect your personal belongings.

For all other claims which do not involve death or personal injury, if we are found liable to you on any basis the maximum amount we will have to pay you is twice the price (excluding insurance premiums and amendment charges) paid by or on behalf of the person(s) affected in total unless a lower limitation applies to your claim under clause 10(6) below. This maximum amount will only be payable where everything has gone wrong and you have not received any benefit at all from your holiday.

(6) Where any claim or part of a claim (including those involving death or personal injury) concerns or is based on any travel arrangements (including the process of getting on and/ or off the transport concerned) provided by any air, sea, rail or road carrier to which any international convention or regulation applies, the maximum amount of compensation we will have to pay you will be limited. The most we will have to pay you for that claim or that part of a claim if we are found liable to you on any basis is the most the carrier concerned would have to pay under the international convention or regulation which applies to the travel arrangements in question (for example, the Warsaw Convention as amended or unamended and the Montreal Convention for international travel by air and/or for airlines with an operating licence granted by an EU country, the EC Regulation on Air Carrier Liability No 889/2002 for national and international travel by air, the Athens Convention for international travel by sea and COTIE the Convention on International Travel by Rail). Where a carrier would not be obliged to make any payment to you under the applicable international convention or regulation in respect of a claim or part of a claim, we similarly are not obliged to make a payment to you for that claim or part of the claim. When making any payment, we are entitled to deduct any money which you have received or are entitled to receive from the carrier for the claim in question. Copies of the applicable international conventions and regulations are available from us on request

(7) Please note, we cannot accept any liability for any damage, loss, expense or other sum(s) of any description (1) which on the basis of the information given to us by you concerning your booking prior to our accepting it, we could not have foreseen you would suffer or incur if we breached our contract with you or (2) which did not result from any breach of contract or other fault by ourselves or our employees or, where we are responsible for them, our suppliers. Additionally we cannot accept liability for any business losses including self employed loss of earnings.

### 11 Force Maieure

Except where otherwise expressly stated in these booking conditions, we regret we will not accept liability or pay any compensation where the performance or prompt performance of our obligations under our contract with you is prevented or affected by or you otherwise suffer any damage, loss or expense of any nature as a result of "force majeure". In these booking conditions, "force majeure" means any event, or the consequences of which we or the supplier of the service(s) in question could not even with all due care, foresee or avoid. Such events are not limited to but may include actual or threatened war, riot, civil strife, terrorist activity, industrial dispute, natural or nuclear disaster adverse weather conditions volcanic activity seismic activity fire pandemics, epidemics and all similar events, natural or man made, outside our control or that of our agents or suppliers.

### 12 Excursions

We may provide you with information (before departure and/or when you are on holiday) about activities and excursions which are available in the area you are visiting. We have no involvement in any such activities or excursions which are neither run, supervised nor controlled in any way by us. They are provided by local operators or other third parties who are entirely independent of us. They do not form any part of your contract with us even where we suggest particular operators/other third parties and/or assist you in booking such activities or excursions in any way. We cannot accept any liability on any basis in relation to such activities or excursions and the acceptance of liability contained in clause 10(1) of our booking conditions will not apply to them. We do not however exclude liability for the negligence of ourselves or our employees resulting in your death or personal injury. We cannot guarantee accuracy at all times of information given in relation to such activities or excursions or about the area you are visiting generally or that any particular excursion or activity which does not form part of our contract will take place as these services are not under our control. If you feel that any of the activities or excursions referred to in our brochure, on our website and in our other advertising material which are not part of our contract are vital to the enjoyment of your holiday, write to us immediately and we will tell you the latest known situation. If we become aware of any material alterations to area information and/or such outside activities or excursions which can reasonably be expected to affect your decision to book a holiday with us, we will pass on this information at the time of booking.

### 13. Complaint procedure

If you have a problem during your holiday concerning any service provided as part of the rrangements we have confirmed, you must inform our National Escort or Local Guide (or, if none available, with our local agent or hotel manager) immediately to enable them to try to resolve the matter. Any notification must be put in writing and given to our ntative / agent and the supplier as soon as possible. Our emergency number is manned 24 hours a day seven days a week and is 0.7984 0.41625. Until we know about a complaint or problem, we cannot begin to resolve it. If you remain dissatisfied, however, you must write to us within 28 days of your return to the UK giving your booking reference and full details of your complaint. Only the lead name should write to us. If you fail to follow this simple complaints procedure, your right to claim any compensation you may otherwise have been entitled to may be affected or even lost as a result.

Disputes arising out of, or in connection with your booking which cannot be amicably settled may be referred to arbitration if you so wish under a special scheme arranged by ABTA Ltd and administered independently. The scheme provides for a simple and inexpensive method of arbitration on documents alone with restricted liability on the customer in respect of costs. Full details will be provided on request or can be obtained from the ABTA website (www.abta.com). The scheme does not apply to claims for an amount greater than £5,000 per person. There is also a limit of £25,000 per booking. Neither does it apply to claims which are solely in respect of physical injury or illness or their consequences. The scheme can however deal with compensation claims which include an element of minor injury or illness subject to a limit of £1,500 on the amount the arbitrator can award per person in respect of this element. Your application for arbitration and other required documents must be received by ABTA within 18 months of your return from the holiday. Outside this time limit arbitration under the scheme may still be available if we agree, although the ABTA Code does not require such agreement. For injury and illness claims, you can request the ABTA mediation procedure and we have the option to agree to this. Where we act as agent, please bear in mind that your contract is with the supplier of the arrangements concerned. Unless the supplier is also a member of ABTA. only disputes relating to our actions as agent can be dealt with by the arbitration scheme or mediation procedure and not complaints about the arrangements themselves or the acts / omissions of the supplier.

### 15.Conditions of Suppliers

Many of the services which make up your holiday are provided by independent suppliers. Those suppliers provide these services in accordance with their own terms and conditions Some of these terms and conditions may limit or exclude the supplier's liability to you. usually in accordance with applicable international conventions (see clause 10(4)). Copies of the relevant parts of these terms and conditions and of the international conventions are available on request from ourselves or the supplier concerned

When you book a Holiday with Wendy Wu Tours Limited you accept responsibility for the proper conduct for yourself and your party whilst on Holiday. If we or any other person in authority is of the reasonable opinion that you or any member of your party is behaving in such a way as to cause or be likely to cause danger or upset to any other person or damage to property, we will be entitled to terminate the holiday of the person(s) concerned. The person(s) concerned will be required to leave the accommodation or other service and we will have no further responsibility to them including any return travel arrangements. No refunds will be made and we will not pay any expenses or costs incurred as a result of the termination. You will be responsible for making full payment for any damage or loss caused by you or any member of your party during your time away. Payment must be paid directly at the time to the service supplier concerned. If the actual cost of the loss or damage exceeds the amount paid where estimated, you must pay the difference once known. If the actual cost is less than the amount paid, the difference will be refunded. You will also be responsible for meeting any claims subsequently made against us and all costs incurred by us (including our own and the other party's full legal costs) as a result of your actions.

### 17 Special Requests

If you have any special requests, you must inform us prior to booking. Although we will endeavour to pass any reasonable requests on to the relevant supplier, we regret we cannot guarantee any request will be met. Failure to meet any special request will not be a breach of contract on our part. Confirmation that a special request has been noted or passed on to the supplier or the inclusion of the special request on your confirmation invoice or any other documentation is not confirmation that the request will be met. Unless and until specifically confirmed, all special requests are subject to availability. Unless you receive written confirmation from the supplier that a special request will be complied with, you must assume that it will not be. The responsibility for providing the special request lies solely with the supplier and not with Wendy Wu Tours.

We regret we cannot accept any conditional bookings, i.e. any booking which is specified to be conditional on the fulfilment of a particular request. All such bookings will be treated as "standard" bookings subject to the above provisions on special requests.

### 18. Fitness, Medical Conditions & Disabilities

Please note that China and the surrounding regions is a vast area with varying terrain (including steps, steep hills and uneven walkways) which can be difficult to negotiate. An indicated 'tour pace' is outlined clearly in this brochure and in the tour specific Tour Dossiers. It is your sole responsibility to ensure that you are sufficiently fit and well to

### **BOOKING CONDITIONS**

negotiate these areas, without any adverse effect on the overall group or tour operation. You should check that your proposed areas of travel are suitable dependant on your own health, including any medical condition and/or disability that you may have.

If you or any member of your party has any medical condition or disability which may affect your holiday or has any special requirements as a result of any medical condition or disability (including any which affect the booking process), please tell us before you confirm your booking so that we can assist you in considering the suitability of the arrangements and/or making the booking. In any event, you must give us full details in writing at the time of booking and whenever any change in the condition or disability occurs. You must also promptly advise us if any medical condition or disability which may affect your holiday develops after your booking has been confirmed. Should this condition not be met, Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to terminate the holiday of the person(s) involved, as described in section 16.

In accordance with EU Directive (EC) No 2111/2005 Article 9, we are required to bring to your attention the existence of a "Community list" which contains details of air carriers who are subject to an operating ban within the EU. The Community list is available for inspection at http://ec.europa.eu/transport/air-ban/list en.htm.

In accordance with EU Regulations we are required to advise you of the actual carrier(s) (or, if the actual carrier(s) is not known, the likely carrier(s) that will operate your flight(s) at the time of booking. Where we are only able to inform you of the likely carrier(s) at the time of booking, we shall inform you of the identity of the actual carrier(s) as soon as we become aware of this. Any change to the operating carrier(s) after your booking has been confirmed will be notified to you as soon as possible.

If the carrier with whom you have a confirmed reservation becomes subject to an operating ban as above as a result of which we/ the carrier are unable to offer you a suitable alternative the provisions of clause 9 "If we change or cancel your holiday" will apply. We are not always in a position at the time of booking to confirm the flight timings which will be used in connection with your flight. The flight timings shown in our brochure on our website and/or detailed on your confirmation invoice are for guidance only and are subject to alteration and confirmation. Flight timings are outside our control. They are set by airlines and are subject to various factors including air traffic control restrictions. weather conditions, potential technical problems and the ability of passengers to check in on time

Specific instructions relating to departure and travel arrangements will be sent with your air or other travel tickets approximately 2 weeks before departure. You must accordingly check your tickets very carefully immediately on receipt to ensure you have the correct flight times. It is possible that flight times may be changed even after tickets have been despatched - we will contact you as soon as possible if this occurs.

Any change in the identity of the carrier, flight timings, and/or aircraft type (if advised) will not entitle you to cancel or change to other arrangements without paving our normal charges except where specified in these conditions.

### 20. Delay and Denied Boarding Regulations

In the event of any flight delay or cancellation at your UK or overseas point of departure, the airline is responsible for providing such assistance as is legally required by the Denied Boarding Regulations (see below). The ferry, tunnel or rail operator is similarly responsible in relation to any delayed or cancelled sea crossing or international rail departure. Except where otherwise stated in our brochure or on our website, we cannot provide any assistance in such circumstances other than information and advice to the extent we are in a position to do so. Any airline concerned may however provide refreshments etc.

We cannot accept liability for any delay which is due to any of the reasons set out in clause 10(2) of these Booking Conditions (which includes the behaviour of any passenger(s) on the flight who for example fails to check in or hoard on time). In addition, we will not be liable for any delay unless it has a significant effect on your holiday arrangements. If your flight is cancelled or delayed, your flight ticket is downgraded or boarding is denied by your airline, depending on the circumstances, the airline may be required to pay you compensation, refund the cost of your flight and/or provide you with accommodation and/ or refreshments under EC Regulation No 261/2004 - the Denied Boarding Regulations 2004. Where applicable, you must pursue the airline for the compensation or other payment due to you. All sums you receive or are entitled to receive from the airline concerned by virtue of these Regulations represent the full amount of your entitlement to compensation or any other payment arising from such cancellation, delay, downgrading or denied boarding. This includes any disappointment, distress, inconvenience or effect on any other arrangements. The fact a delay may entitle you to cancel your flight does not automatically entitle you to cancel any other arrangements even where those arrangements have been made in conjunction with your flight. We have no liability to make any payment to you in relation to the Denied Boarding Regulations or in respect of any flight cancellation or delay, downgrading of any flight ticket or denial of any boarding as the full amount of your entitlement to any compensation or other payment (as dealt with above) is covered by the airline's obligations under the Denied Boarding Regulations. If, for any reason, we make any payment to you or a third party which the airline is responsible for in accordance with the Denied Boarding Regulations, you must, when requested, assign to us the rights you have or had to claim the payment in question from the airline. If your airline does not comply with these rules you may complain to the Civil Aviation Authority on 020 7453 6888 or by e-mail to passengercomplaints@caa.co.uk or see www.caa. co.uk - referring your complaint to the CAA

### Data protection

In order to process your booking and meet your requirements, we must pass your personal details on to the relevant suppliers of your travel arrangements. We would also like to hold your information (including any email address), where collected by us, for our own future marketing purposes (for example, to inform you of promotional/competition offers or to send you our brochure).

Wendy Wij Tours Ltd. may wish to contact you by nost e-mail and/or telephone with news, information and offers on its holidays we may have available and for market research purposes.

If you prefer not to be contacted for the purposes set out above then please contact the Consumer Data Controller, Marketing Department, Wendy Wu Tours Ltd, Ground Floor, Cottons Centre, Cottons Lane, 47-49 Tooley St, London SE1 2QG.

## TRAVEL INSURANCE

We want you to experience a holiday that relaxes, fascinates and fills you with a lifetime of glorious memories. However, not everything is within our or indeed your control. So for complete peace of mind, you should always prepare for the unexpected before or during your holiday.

## FLEXIBLE LEVELS OF TRAVEL INSURANCE



We work with Holiday Extras to provide cancellation cover, medical protection and a range of other benefits. Authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority, Holiday Extras have been awarded the title 'best travel insurance provider' for the past six years at the Travel Weekly Globe Awards. Our standard policies provide cover up to 85 years of age.

As an added bonus, Holiday Extras insure that under 18's go free with a paying adult on selected policies, making our insurance the perfect choice for families.

Choose either single trip insurance or a yearly multi-trip policy.

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### **SINGLE TRIP POLICIES**

Our single trip policies will cover you for any destination and tour in this brochure up to a total of 31 days (this can be extended to 60 days if under 64 years of age with no medical conditions).

Length of trip	Adult up to 50	Adults 51-60
Up to 17 days	£57.34	£63.71
18-24 days	£60.14	£66.82
25-31 days	£65.50	£72.78
+ extra weeks	£11.75	£13.06

Prices are based on cover for travellers aged up to 60 years. Supplements will apply if between 61 and 85. All prices are subject to change.

## ANNUAL MULTI-TRIP POLICIES

These are ideal if you plan to travel abroad more than once in the year. Annual multi-trip policies provide worldwide protection for any number of trips up to 23 days duration up to a total of 183 days per year for adults aged 64 or under.

Length of separate trip	Price
23 days	£123.00

Summary of Silver Cover	Maximum
Medical emergency expenses	£5,000,000
Personal liability	£2,000,000
Personal accident	£5,000
Cancellation	£1,500
Curtailment	£1,500
Missed departure	£300
Travel delay	£60
Personal baggage	£1,500
Delayed baggage	£100
Catastrophe	£1,000
Personal money	£200
Passport	£200
Dental emergency	£150
Personal assistance	£250
Legal expenses	£25,000

# LATITUDE – FOR THOSE WITH PRE-EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS As well as those flevible policies, Heliday

As well as those flexible policies, Holiday Extras is home to the Latitude policy. This means that almost everyone up to the age of 89 with pre-existing medical conditions can get comprehensive travel insurance at a great price. In fact, 97% of all conditions can be covered.

For pre-existing medical conditions insurance enquiries, please call Holiday Extras on 0800 781 4086 quoting W7994.

## **BOOKING YOUR TRIP**

Booking your holiday should be simple and straightforward, so Wendy Wu Tours is committed to supporting you through every element of the booking process right through until after your holiday has finished.

### **BOOKING MADE EASY**

## 1. CHOOSE YOUR EXPERIENCE

Get a taste of the tours in this brochure. Visit our website for more details, including interactive maps, destination information, photos, videos, reviews, updates and detailed tour dossiers.

Choose the style of trip that suits you:

- Fully Inclusive Group Tours
- Our exciting Immerse Yourself Tours
- Deluxe Exclusive Collection
- Flexible Private Tours
- Bespoke Tailormade Holidays

**Still not sure?** Contact our experienced Travel Consultants to talk through your options.

### 2. CHECK AVAILABILITY

Speak to our expert Travel Consultants, or your preferred Travel Agent, and we will check the tour availability, find the best flights and confirm your full package price.

### 3. BOOKING & DEPOSIT

Group Tour places can usually be confirmed immediately upon payment of a deposit of £350 per person. Private Touring arrangements can usually be confirmed within 48 hours.

Once your tour is complete, we will send you confirmation by email. By making a booking you are confirming that you have read the tour dossier, are fit enough to fully participate in your tour, will travel with adequate travel insurance and agree to the booking conditions at the back of the brochure.

### 4. FINAL PAYMENT

The balance of your payment is due 60 days before departure and you will be issued with your travel tickets and documentation approximately two weeks before travel.

## REGIONAL FLIGHTS AND UPGRADES

Enjoy the freedom to choose who you fly with and where you fly from. We work with most major airlines and offer flights from regional airports across the UK – often with no additional supplement.

All of our tour prices are based on flying Economy Class, but if you fancy a little bit of luxury and lots more legroom, we have specially negotiated rates on Premium Economy and Business Class fares.

Depending on your budget you can upgrade one way or for the entire return trip.

## STOPOVERS & EXTENSIONS

Why not break your trip to the

Far East with a stopover – most airlines won't charge you any extra for stopping over en route. We are able to book your hotel, transfers and touring and add it to your trip. World class destinations such as Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Hong Kong are just a few of the options available between mainland China and the UK. See pages 104-111 for inspiration. If you want to stay longer in Shanghai, Beijing or wherever your trip starts or finishes, we are able to add extra nights onto your trip for a small supplement.



### **ADD FINISHING TOUCHES**

We want to make your holiday enjoyable and stress-free and can help you book:

- ✓ Airport Lounges from £28
- ✓ Airport Parking from £6 per day
- ✓ Airport Hotels from £40 per night
- ✓ Travel Insurance Contact us for details of our recommended policy

Please speak to our experienced Travel Consultants who will happily provide advice and arrange these for you.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOYALTY

Many of our customers enjoy the Wendy Wu Tours experience so much that they travel with



us again and again. What's more, they also recommend us to their friends and family. We really appreciate this loyalty and want to reward you for it.

• Become a Wendy Wu Tours Champion Recommend us to your friends and we'll send you a hamper as a thank you for the first booking we receive. Plus for every subsequent booking, we'll send you £50 worth of shopping vouchers.

### Loyalty Discount

When you book your second holiday, we'll give you a £100pp discount.

### • Welcome Home Discount

When you book another tour with us within four-weeks of returning home, we'll give you a £200pp discount.

• Become a Wendy Wu Tours VIP Book three trips or more and we'll give you £250pp off the total cost of your holiday.

Conditions apply. Rewards and discounts cannot be combined. Refer to our website for full details.



# TOP REASONS TO CHOOSE WENDY WU TOURS

- Over 20 years' experience
- Unrivalled knowledge and expertise
- Comprehensive range of group, private and tailormade holidays
- Depart from many regional UK airports
- Fully inclusive prices with no hidden extras
- Quality hotels and comfortable transport

- Outstanding customer satisfaction
- Award-winning guides
- Specialist advice from our experienced consultants
- Authentic dining and delicious local cuisine
- Hassle-free visa service included
- Safe and secure with ABTA, ATOL & IATA



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